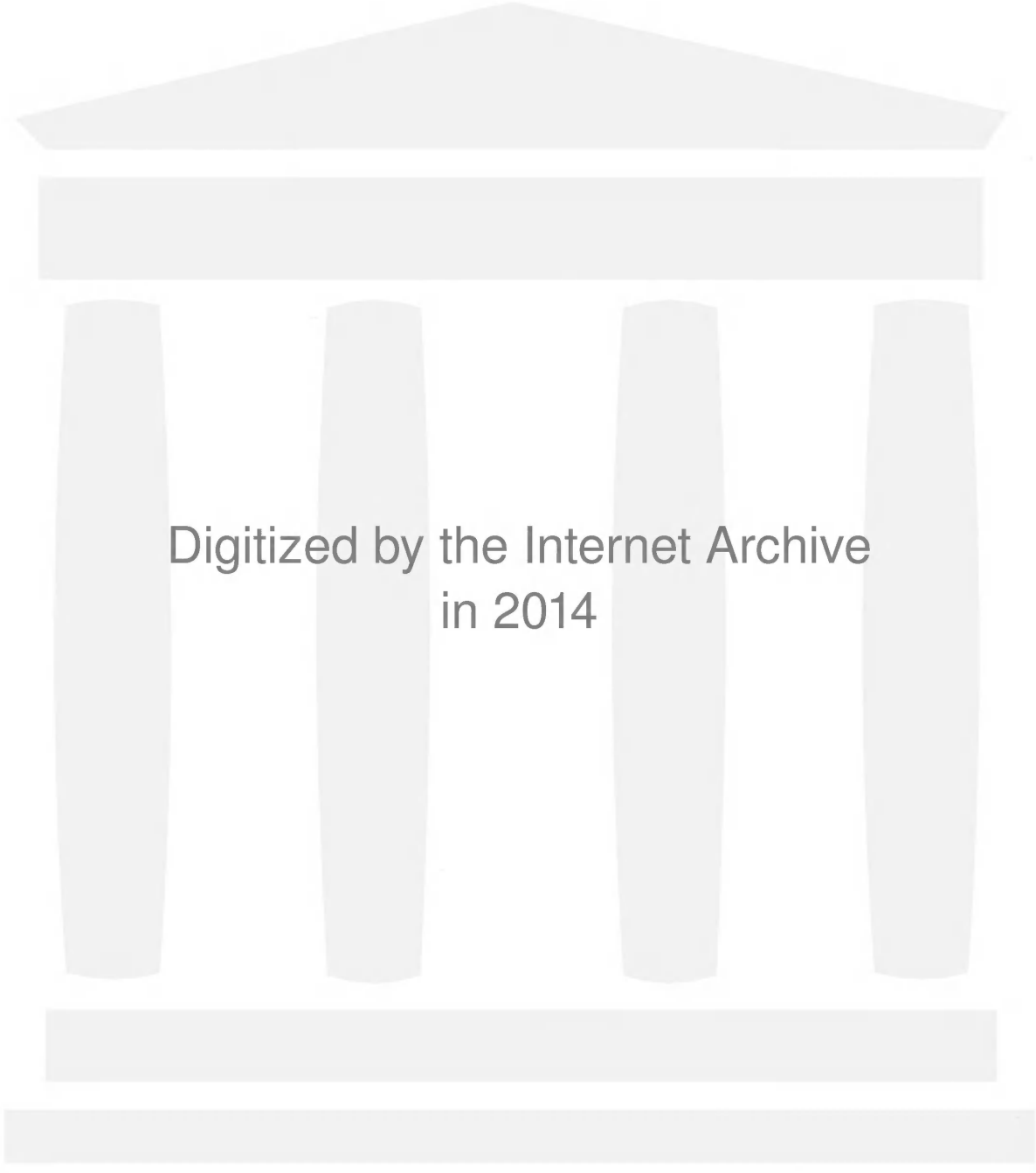

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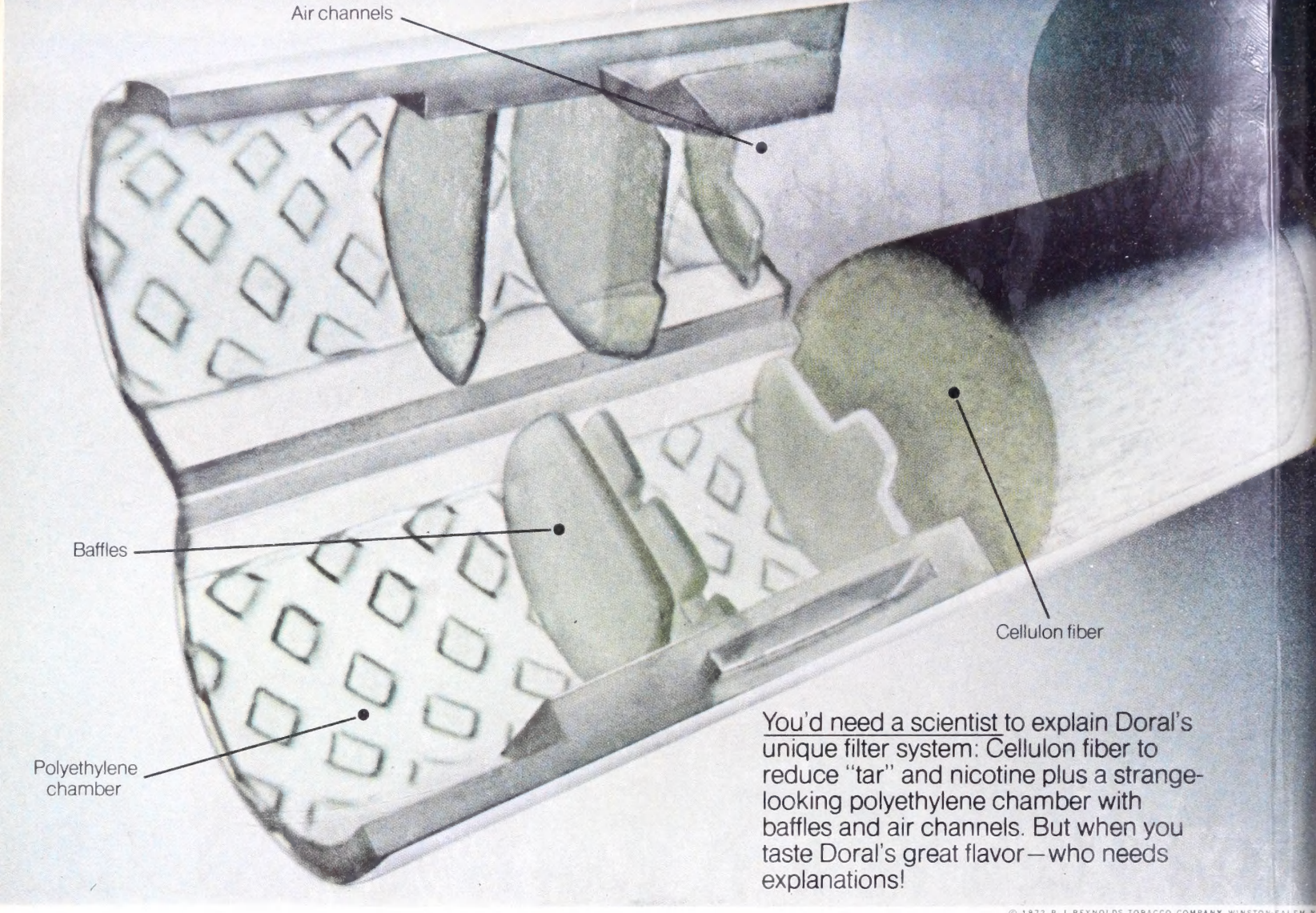
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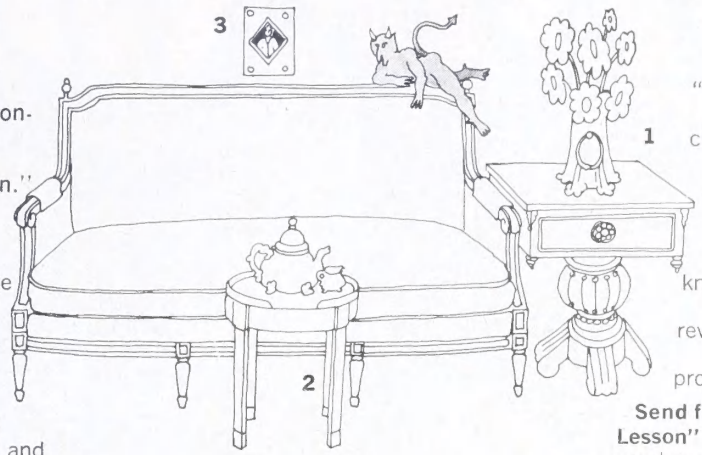
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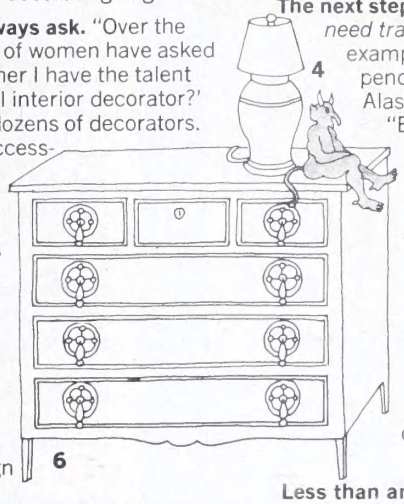
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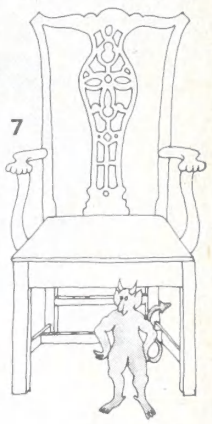
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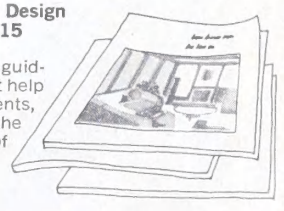
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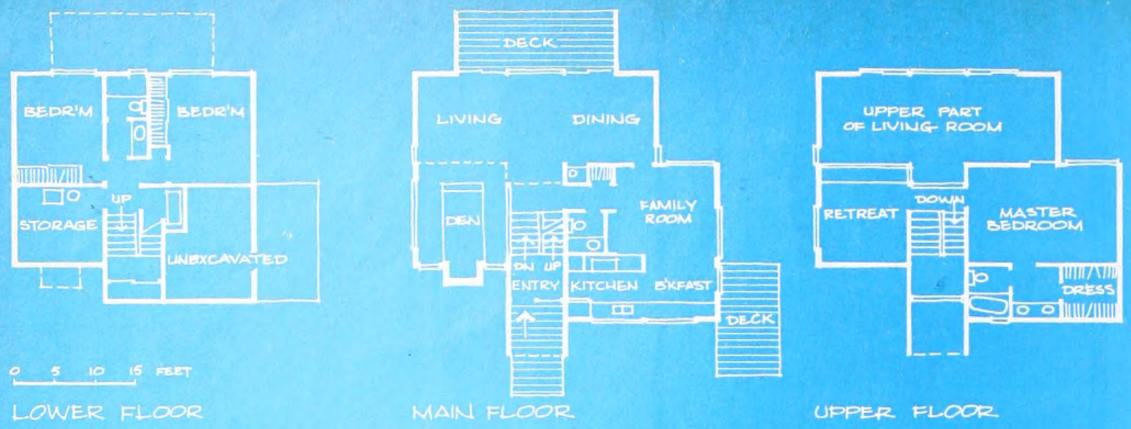


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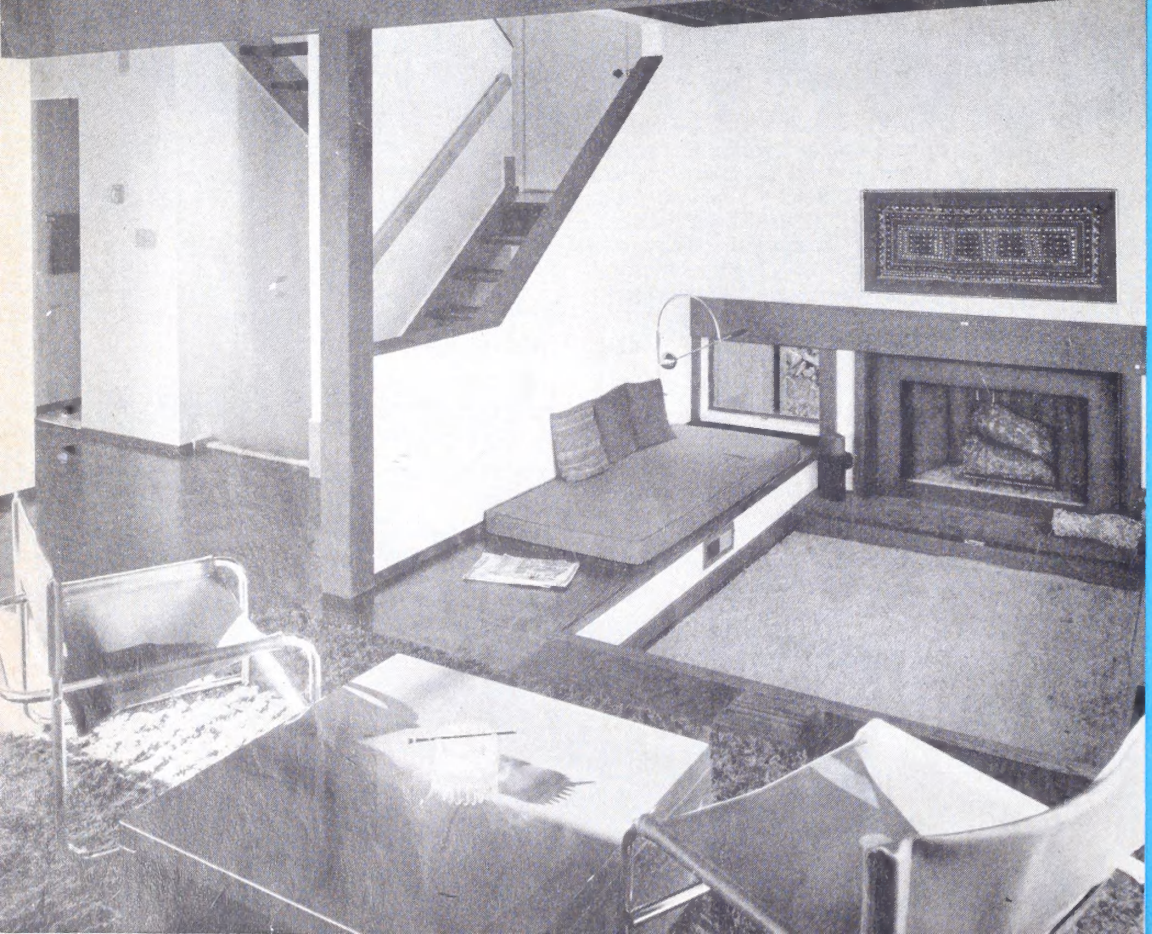
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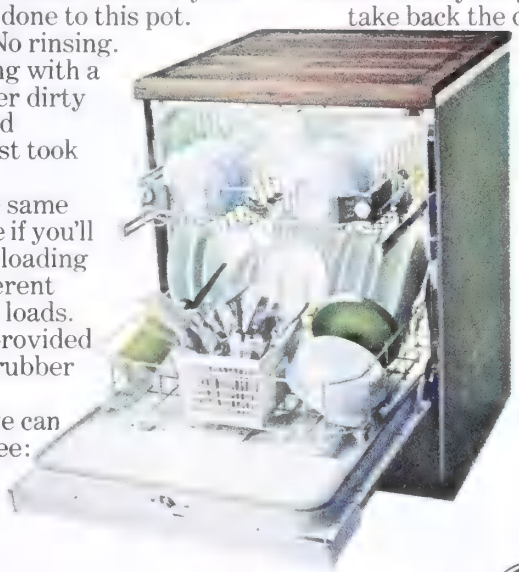
After

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design



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trends



Instant housing—factory-built homes you buy today and move into tomorrow—is here. Right? You've read about the production-line housing in newspapers and magazines (including House Beautiful), seen it on television. The government was involved through its Operation Breakthrough, awarding contracts to a number of manufacturers. On Wall Street the companies' stocks were shooting through the ceiling. Modular housing was to be much cheaper than old-fashioned, stick-by-stick methods and, until a few months ago, it seemed everyone was talking about it. Now the talk has died down and so have the stock prices. Many companies have gone out of business, and it looks as if the government is getting ready to sweep Operation Breakthrough quietly under the rug. But, modular isn't dying. All that excitement and talk was mostly froth, and underneath the froth, modular housing, still very much an infant, is quietly starting to grow. According to an annual survey conducted by a housing industry magazine, *House & Home*, modular production doubled between 1970 and 1971 and is now running at better than 50,000 units a year, both single-family and apartments. That may be small potatoes compared to the total housing units being built annually, but it's a good start.

insight

It's puzzled many people that modular construction has been so long in coming, especially in view of the current high cost of housing. It seems axiomatic that houses built on assembly lines with automated equipment would be far cheaper than houses built by hammer-and-saw methods.

They're not, though. In fact, the assembly-line method is sometimes more expensive. The reason is that a house is not so much manufactured as it is assembled out of already manufactured components, and the assembling can be done almost as

efficiently on the building site as on an assembly line. Then there's the cost of a modular plant, usually several million dollars, to be allocated among the houses produced, plus the cost of transporting the finished modules from factory to site. Between them, these two costs generally more than use up any savings the assembly line produces. Remember, too, that there's more to a house than the structure. There's a foundation, a piece of land, items like roads and utilities—and modular construction doesn't touch them.

Finally, there are the financing costs for the building and developing process, and they can be as much as 10% to 20% of the cost of the house or apartment. No one has yet figured out a way to put these on an assembly line.

This raises another puzzling question: If modular construction doesn't save money, why bother with it?

The answer lies in the realm of labor. Despite the astronomical rates being paid to many of the building trades (a carpenter, plumber or electrician, for example, can make from $7 to more than $10 an hour), fewer and fewer young men are willing to go through the necessary apprenticeship for this kind of work. So the problem facing the builder is not just that his skilled labor is expensive, but it doesn't exist in sufficient quantity.

An obvious solution is to tap our plentiful supply of semi-skilled and unskilled labor. Even though a man (or a woman, for that matter) is not a trained carpenter, he can be taught to do carpentry jobs repetitively on an assembly line and he can learn plumbing, electrical and other jobs in the same way. The house is then divided up into chunks, or modules, small enough to be transported over the road, and the unskilled labor builds the chunks on the assembly line. As noted earlier, it doesn't save money, but it does solve the labor problem.

It offers other benefits. For example, the house is built under cover where bad weather can't hold up work. It goes up quickly; some modulars can leave the factory on Monday morning, get dropped on their foundation Monday afternoon and be ready for occupancy Friday evening.

The men who build the modular houses benefit, too. They work indoors, so their jobs are far less seasonal than those of conventional building trades that may lose as much as two or three months a year of work because of weather.

So modular housing has a practical reason for existing and growing. Within the next decade it's reasonable to anticipate that as much as 25% of our housing will move to the assembly line. For the most part, it will be good housing; quality can be controlled better in a plant than on a site. And it may even come to be somewhat less costly than conventional construction as factory techniques are improved and new materials introduced.

But before this happens, a number of knotty problems must be dealt with. Some are inherent in the modular process itself, others lie in the area of politics and red tape. All have a depressing effect on the growth of modular companies.

- **Initial cost.** The smallest practical modular plant (about 75,000 square feet and capable of turning out about 15 housing units a week on one shift) costs at least $2 million, and usually much more. This is a lot of money, particularly since the plant makes little or no direct savings in construction costs.
- **Code confusion.** Most towns have their own building codes, and there is seldom any uniformity. The modular manufacturer, who may ship his units as far as 500 miles from his plant, can't afford to change his method of construction for each town. So he must build a house that meets almost all codes, which is very expensive, and, in addition, he must avoid towns where even this product isn't acceptable.

Some states have established state codes and require all towns within the state to accept any modular that meets them. This helps considerably, but the problem won't really be solved until there is code reciprocity between states.

- **Transportation.** The only practical way to move modular units from factory to site is over the road on trailers. And like building codes, regulations covering over-the-road hauling vary from state to state. Some states allow one big module on a trailer but not two smaller ones; some allow 14-foot-wide loads, others only 12-foot; some let a tractor and trailer travel unescorted, others require convoy cars ahead and behind. The manufacturer usually must comply with the laws of the strictest state he travels through, and the result is higher cost.

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■ **Design.** Limitations on over-the-road travel put severe restrictions on the size and shape of modules, hence also on the finished house or apartment complex. There are only so many cosmetic treatments possible for a 12 by 8 by 40-foot box, and adding parts by conventional methods on the site defeats much of the purpose of modular housing.

Also, since modulars must be standardized, manufacturers tend to play it safe and produce designs that will offend the fewest possible people. Predictably, the results have not been esthetically breathtaking. All of these problems can, in time, be solved. As they are, modular housing will slowly but surely take its place in the housing scene.

—MAXWELL C. HUNTOON, JR., Managing Editor, *House & Home*

letters

I truly enjoy your magazine. The interior decorating, stairways and multilevel homes and floors are elegant. However, I have a very special problem in decorating a home, and one which is shared by many people. My husband is a paraplegic. We like not only a décor that is pleasing to the eye, but also one that has plenty of room to accommodate the functionability of a wheelchair. Some people have the mistaken idea that a person confined to a wheelchair is a complete invalid. This is just not so. My husband will be graduated from college this year. He can go anywhere he wishes without help except for stairs, and if there is an elevator, stairs are no problem. Certainly there must be other people interested in a house for special people such as my husband.—Mrs. R.D.B., Commerce, Texas

I made the Kidney Bean Casserole Helen McCully presented in the March issue, and I agree with her—it's great. I am now stocked up on kidney beans and waiting for a chance to have a go at it again.—B.S., Toronto, Ontario

Each year I mean to write you a thank-you note for your 1962 Christmas dinner menu and recipes. The Mock Wild Boar has been a hit for eight years at our house (family comment: "What a great meal!"), is anticipated now as a tradition. —D.M.D., Bremerton, Wash.

Don't be discouraged by overly critical letters some readers write. Perhaps most of us do not live in such a spacious, gracious style, but how my decorating spirit soars, and how you extend my smaller-housebound vision. Through the years I've synthesized and assimilated so many of the refinements and custom-made amenities that it's reflected in my house. In particular, I have enjoyed immensely the glimpse of European homes. Their verve and color prove that all nationalities are one in our love of our homes.—D.H.P., College Park, Ga.

How come there are such drastic differences in taste, philosophy and general approach to housing? . . . For example, the January, 1968, issue on Scandinavia was outstanding. Most of the interiors were designed for today—straightforward, logical—including those containing antiques or in very old buildings. The same can be said for January, 1969, (second homes) and May, 1971, (remodeling). But the February, 1972, issue is full of seriously presented rooms that are overstuffed, heavy-handed, pretentious, cutesy, department-store decorating. Surely these rooms are destined to become the "befores" in remodeling projects.—N.T.S., Princeton, N.J.

I think the March issue is beautiful and very practical. "Born Free" on page 89 is striking. People keep saying you don't help those who don't have a lot of money—this month had a lot to offer. Over the years we have collected many items shown in your book. Lack of articles is sometimes the key. Today's rooms are clean-looking with openness and nice style, with only the things you really love in them. We use the new ideas HB gives; we need them, and need to know how to blend color.—M.M., Rochester, N.Y.

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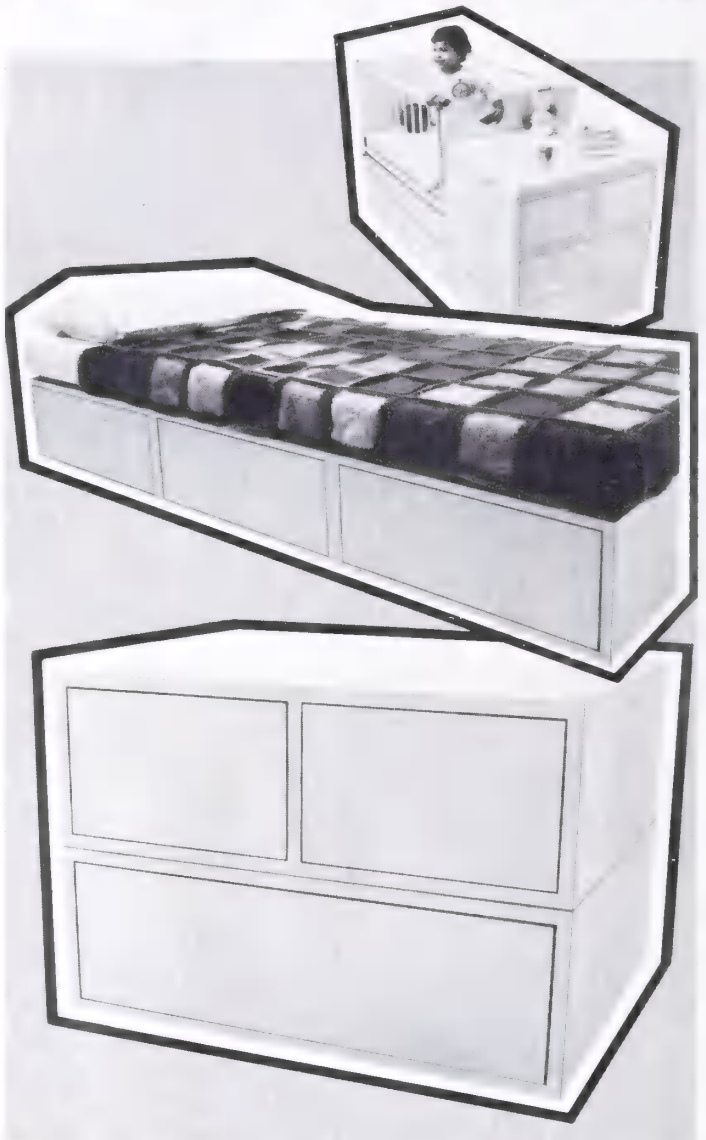
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insight

what's being done to make our world better. The author does cover the basics. But if your youngsters read it, do suggest they seek out some examples of environmental responsibility. They exist.—ANNE OGDEN

design



Comedian Sam Levenson might concern himself with *Sex and the Single Child* in his latest book, but to his architect son Conrad, furniture and the growing child is a much more interesting subject. Reason for Conrad's enchantment with such matters is the recent birth of a daughter, Georgia, to him and wife Isabella. Rather than being faced with a series of furniture-buying decisions from infancy through college, Conrad decided to tackle the children's furniture problem with one valid idea . . . a modular, multifunctional furniture system of components that can be rearranged to meet the many changing needs of childhood. The five white Formica-covered components form what Conrad calls a space planning system. With them, a crib resting on a group of drawers (with a little extra room left over to form a diaper-changing table) convert into a desk, a platform bed, benches with drawers for storage underneath and a dresser. The entire collection will be marketed under the name Metamorphosis, as soon as Conrad and partner cabinetmaker Donald Kaplan work out the problems of getting it into mass production at reasonable prices without compromising the design. Although Conrad has patented his design, he still feels the current version is much too expensive and would like



to explore such avenues as injection-molded plastic. Philosophically, the idea of selling the furniture for the lowest possible price is important to Conrad, a self-employed architect who is also connected with the firm of Marquis and Stoller. Conrad spends much of his free time as a volunteer in a nonprofit architects' technical assistance center working on plans for such projects as low-income housing, day care centers, vest pocket parks and the rehabilitation of existing housing. He spends at least half of every week on such community projects. One is close to home. A program in his own neighborhood has the imposing title Manhattan Valley I Public Housing Project. Conrad is deeply involved in it, clearly seeing the importance of the work to the future of his community. Is it difficult? Conrad would be the first to admit it. He's been stymied, stifled and frustrated time and again in his attempts to get the program in motion. (Nothing unusual, of course, for a government-funded project.) But he shows no signs of giving up. All of which makes us believe that he'll find a way to produce his furniture, despite the fact that manufacturing any furniture—of even moderate value—at low cost is extremely difficu t today. In fact, it may prove the easiest problem he has to solve.—SUSAN LEWIN

appliances

Summer heat is getting unbearable again. You can always count on it. Relief tuned to your needs is in sight, and room air conditioner is its name. The best time to select is now, before the sultry days set in. You'll find a proliferation of new designs, many of which offer more cooling for less money. (What could be better than that?)

One innovative new twist comes from Sears: a window unit that lets you keep your "cool" while preserving your view through the window. Only 10 inches high and less than 15 inches deep, it occupies a tiny space in the window opening and shows only a small portion outside. Much smaller than its former 6,000 BTU counterpart, the new model is every bit as efficient. Because the conditioner weight is centered, you can open and close the window freely with no fear of seeing the unit tumble out. Can you take it home and install it yourself? Sears says yes, and we agree. A sliding front panel hiding the controls comes in cane or burled elm fin sh. (Continued)



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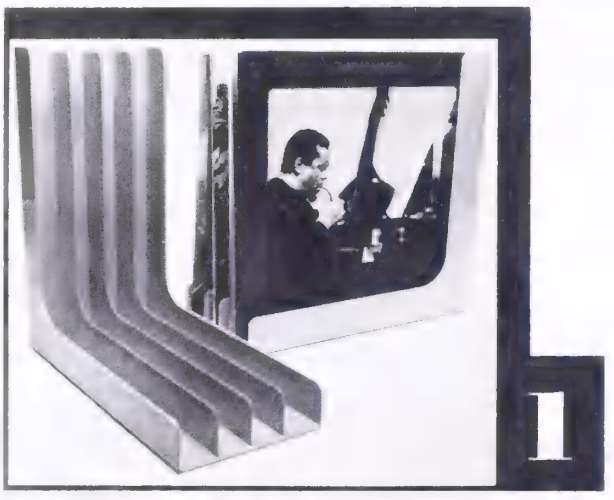
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We promised a word about less money. Friedrich has developed what it calls the Quiet Master collection, utilizing oversized coils and compressor to give more cooling for less money. Then, there are Super Power air conditioners by Philco Ford. Their advantage: a combinatoin of high efficency and lowered noise level. One 115-volt unit with 8,000 BTUs capacity has a feature called Air Scan that sweeps cooled air from wall to wall for more uniform cooling throughout the room.

That problem of cooling when you live with vertical casement or "crank-out" windows has been solved by Chrysler Airtemp with an everything-inside unit. Operating at 7.5 amps off a 115-volt line, it has a cooling capacity of 5,600 BTUs. Quickly installed with four clips on the inside frame, it requires no window modification or glass breakage to get you cool. As with all this firm's units, it carries a five-year parts warranty.

If noise is particularly bothersome to you, check out the new room air conditioners from Amana. The claim: These are the quietest to be found. This is due, the company reports, to a new "muffler" that suppresses vibrations and to special springs and rubber mountings that efficiently isolate the compressor. All models in the new line feature oversized cooling coils for greater efficiency and all carry a five-year appliance warranty, for labor as well as parts.—NANCY CRAIG

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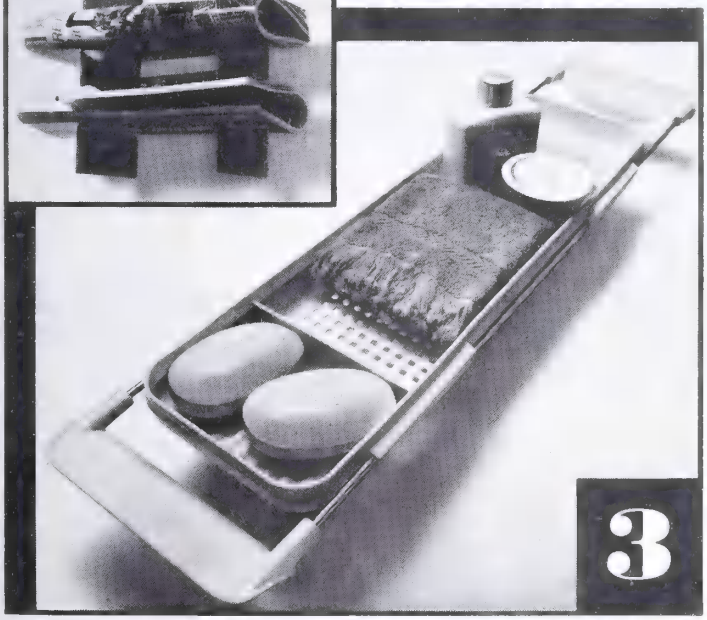


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building

Would you want your son to marry a carpenter? It could happen, reports our environmentalist, William Houseman, now that two key changes are taking place in the housing industry. More and more housing units are going to be assembled in factories (see Trends, page 6), and women are better than men at many production-line jobs. Two major home manufacturers soon expect to have women as half the work force. The message has been forcefully hammered home not only to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, which is now admitting female members, but also to the UAW and other of our country's big-time unions.

When was the last time you read a long-term lifetime guarantee from a manufacturer that meant what it said? We've seen one, and the company offering the guarantee is dead serious. Bradley Washfountain Co. now gives out a 1,000-month warranty on its faucet cartridges (the mechanism that slips inside a single-handle faucet). That means 83⅓ years. Here's how the maker words it: "The (*Continued*)



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beauty

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Alas, we can't take credit for the discovery of Kounovsky's brilliance in the area of physical fitness. Fashion models, screen stars and corporation presidents are among the hundreds who stride (or limp) into his New York studio to benefit from his unique methods of scientific and sensible exercise. Now he has turned his attention to the woman in the home who is busily polishing and sweeping and, in the process, missing a golden opportunity to make routine household tasks pay off in figure, posture and over-all fitness as well as shine.

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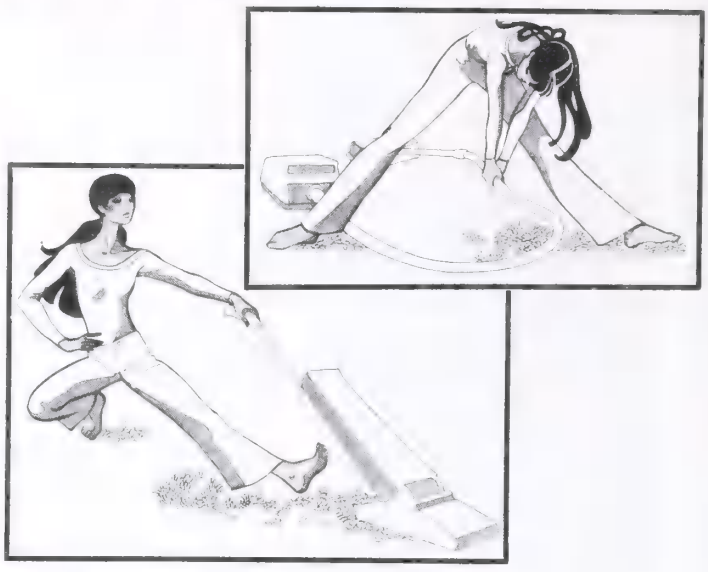
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environment

Can 6,943 college students be wrong? Ecology has replaced sex as the students' "major interest" at the University of Indiana. This nugget was extracted from the results of an annual survey conducted by the university's residence hall counseling and activities office. A computerized tally of the 6,943 replies to this year's questionnaire produced the following top 10 student interests: ecology, sex, pollution, population explosion, drugs, poverty, politics, Peace Corps or VISTA, interracial concerns and civil rights.

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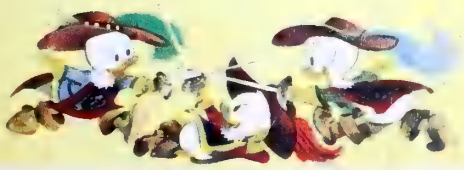
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address book

Here is the third installment of our Address Book Directory. The first appeared in May. Clip the column and save it. When the series is completed, you will have our entire guide to hard-to-find items and repairers of the rare *objet*.—JEAN BAKER

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From England and Anne de Courcy: Woman's lib notes: Six girl jockeys were up in the Gala Stakes at Kempton Park in May, and magazine *Punch*, former citadel of male chauvinist you-know-whats, coming out with a *Judy* issue entirely edited by women . . . by fall there'll be a whole new batch of radio stations to join BBC's sole and sacrosanct Radio London . . . the hillside town of Brixham in Devon is sliding downhill, and no joke, according to geologists, because rainwater has percolated through the claysoil-and-rubble retaining walls that hold the town together, causing walls to break down while the hill comes tumbling after . . . graffiti from the London Tube: "Irish power to the Irish people, black power to the black people," to which the next waggish scribbler added, "And white power to the detergent people."

● ● ● ***The new chic is second-hand clothes, especially those once worn by assorted theatrical and television personalities. We hear Gabrielle Crawford, wife of actor Michael Crawford, purveys same in a bright new shop, The Frock Exchange, in the Fulham Road, and a shop called Boobs stocks up on expensive mistakes, those fashion boohoos we all make now and then . . . the "in" hair tints are aubergine, which sounds like deep purple to us, and henna . . . and those ahead of their time are dyeing their feet henna, too . . . and from the British Travel Association, these piquancies: It and Pan Am have called up a psychic, spooky, all-expense tour which, among other chills and thrills, introduces you to the last of the Druid priests and puts you in touch with a medium who can sketch the faces of of your dead friends . . . if you're a Sherlock Holmes buff, it's elementary, my dear Watson, that you'll want to stay at the new hotel of the same name on Baker Street . . . if you're for wandering lonely as a cloud in the Lake District, you can put up in Wordsworth's own house near Grasmere for something like $56 a week . . . and would you believe that this precious isle is now indulging in custard pie-throwing contests and, dippiest of all, competitions to see who can smash up an old piano fastest? Not as easy as it sounds.***—MARION GOUGH ■



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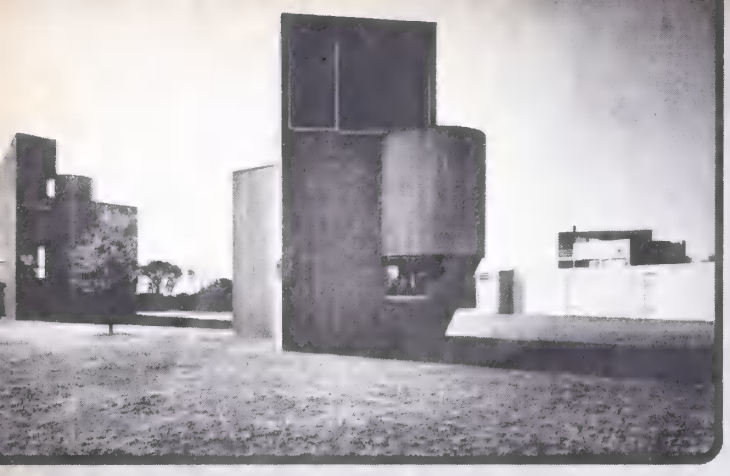
"It's a dream come true," enthuses Actor-Producer Michael Tolan about the house Architects Charles Gwathmey and Robert Siegel recently completed for him on a flat strip of land close to Long Island beaches. "And within the agreed upon budget. It's incredible," Tolan says of the house, which satisfies his love of tennis with a regulation size tennis court, his enjoyment of the ocean with a panoramic view from the top decks (plus lots of private sun-bathing), his desire to be surrounded by friends with three guest bedrooms. Yet, Tolan, a bachelor, wanted the house to "be cozy" when alone. The architects' solution: divided into two wings, one vertical two-story space for his needs when alone, one long linear section for guest rooms. The result, to Tolan: "A dream."





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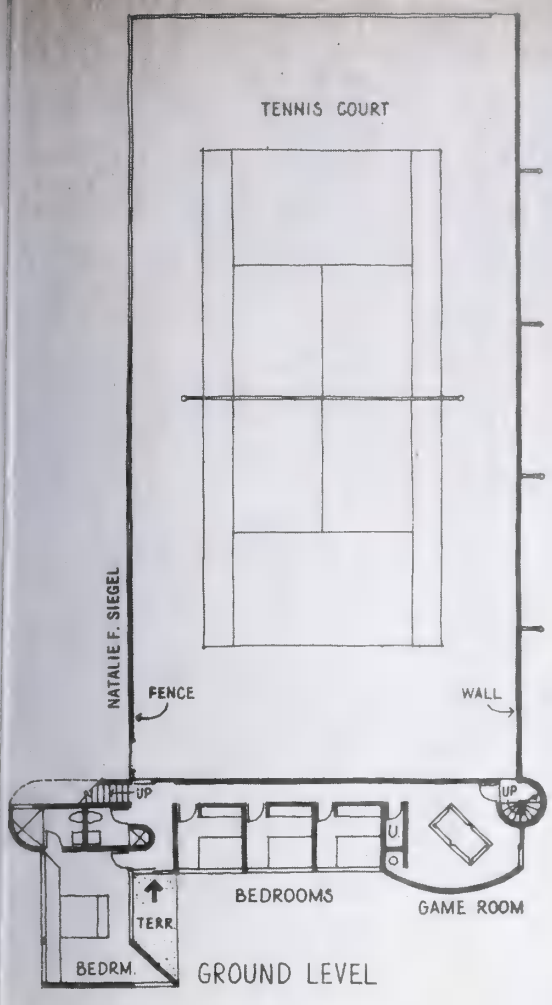
The compact core that forms Tolan's own living space can function as a complete, separate entity when Tolan is alone. The living/dining room *(left)* can be comfortable for two or 22 with flexible red foam furniture that can be rearranged in a variety of combinations. Wide, expansive windows that extend up the full double-story height and sliding glass doors that open onto the long deck visually enlarge the space. The decks have allowed Tolan to invite more than 60 guests for summer evenings, yet this room—as handsome as it is practical—is his favorite retreat for working on scripts like his first film production, *Five on the Black Hand Side*. The precisely furnished master bedroom *(above)* and kitchen *(right)* illustrate an important design philosophy of the architects: "The bed and kitchen (including the bookcase wall in inset at upper left, which forms its other side) are designed as smaller total environments within the larger environment of the house. The bed, for example, is a complex structure that contains its own heating unit, lighting, storage and electronic equipment. The whiteness of both the bed and kitchen-bookcase sets them off from the rest of the house."

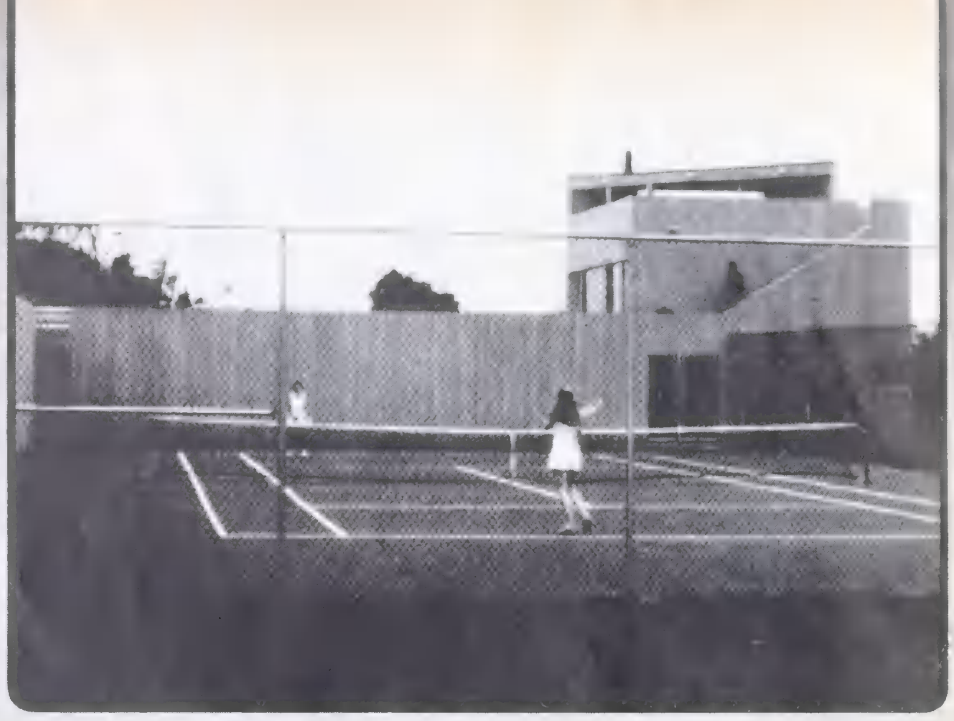


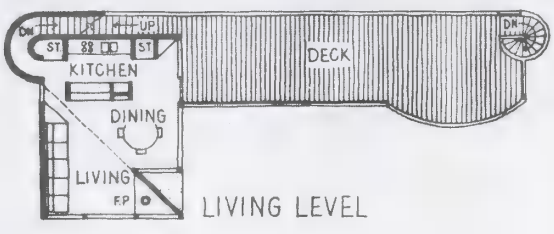
THE TENNIS COURT WALL HELPS DEFINE THE SHARED SITE

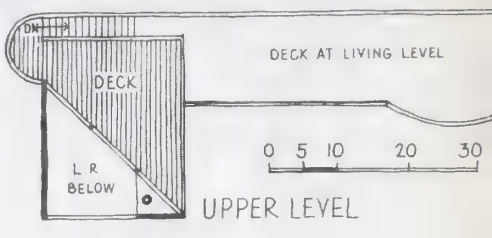
Occasionally used in different directions to articulate the various spaces, cedar siding gives color and texture to the interior and exterior of the Tolan house. Two earlier Gwathmey structures share its flat site (*top left*), a studio and a house he designed for his parents. Although the three buildings are interrelated, tension was created between them by siting Tolan's house at a different angle from a central point—a small tree—and by using the wall of his tennis court (*below*) as a site reference between the buildings. Bright yellow enameled steel windbraces were purposely exposed to give scale to the fence, and this long fence and the linear section of the house eliminate all sound and distraction from the court. One of the back walls of the court forms the supporting wall of the deck, with an entrance directly from court to house at the point where the linear and vertical sections meet. In this way, tennis guests can go straight to the court without walking through the living areas of the house.

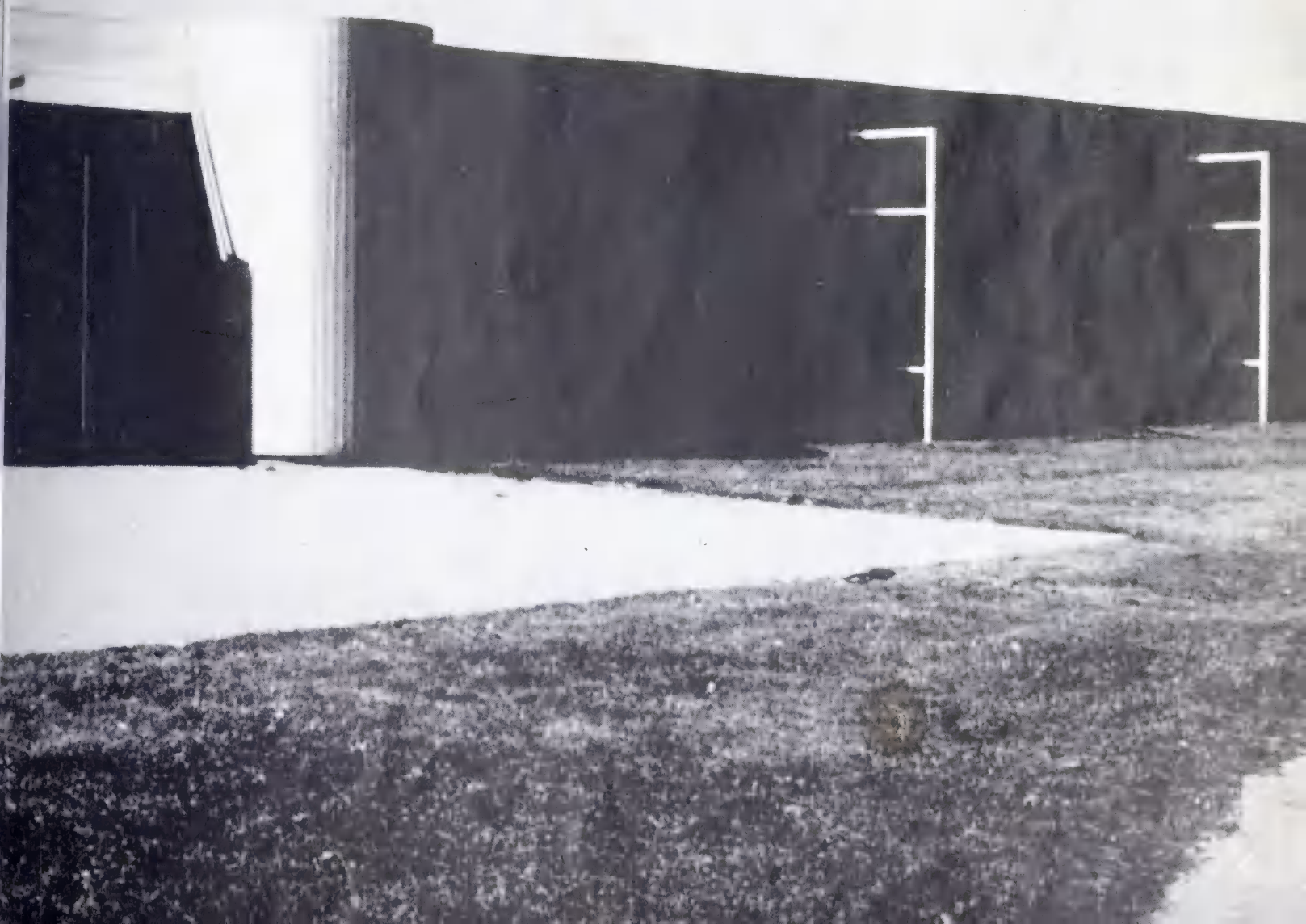



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IN A CITY APARTMENT, A RE-ECHO OF

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Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ To many small town-dwellers, life in the big city implies a blessed anonymity that lets you live free of the surveillance of your neighbors. Most city-dwellers take another view. They feel they suffer from an overdose of anonymity, living in apartments that are the identical, faceless replicas of those above and below, in the same aura of concrete and whitewash that is the essence of modern apartments everywhere. The challenge is a matter of personality survival, how to turn the uniform into a self-expressive one-of-a-kind home. Here, see how one family put their hallmark on a New York apartment, giving high-rise quarters the ambience of the Georgetown house they had left behind. No 18th-century period piece, this—they are young, modern and open to new ideas—but a merging of country-house color and comfort with contemporary design. If there can be a formula for individualizing an apartment, it's three-fold: (1) keep the eye from dwelling on the stereotype four walls by directing attention to the furnishings, (2) create the look of architectural detail and (3) avoid banality at any cost. In this living room (also shown on the cover), plump sofas and hassocks are in a bold primrose chintz; great cabbage roses draw the eye to the needlepoint rug; a plain blank wall is "built up" with twin contemporary étagères, patterned with a porcelain collection. And everything has the cachet of the unexpected. Designer, George Clarkson.

HOWARD GRAFF

THE NOSTALGIC COMFORTS OF GOOD CHINTZ AND GOOD ARCHITECTURE

A longing for the nostalgic, softening grace of architectural detail, so lacking in modern apartments, is what sends so many cityites hunting for apartments in "older" buildings or remodeled brownstones. The owners of this apartment searched for it, fortunately found it, and there's no question that the substantial wood moldings, bay of mullioned windows and wood-burning hearths contribute to its country-house atmosphere. Less fortunate seekers might "manufacture" an architectural look—with wall-filling bookcases or storage systems, with tall, large-scale armoires or cabinets or structural room dividers, with screens, with mirrored walls or an architecturally scaled wallcovering or by actually adding cornice molding or paneling. Here, in the study, the owners installed another fine wood mantel. Again—boldly patterned fabric on comfortable seating and accessories to remark upon: the ceramic lily-pad bouquet on a glass and gilt table, a horn trophy and an amusing oil filling the hearth wall. The guest-room (*above right*), kept creamy light and inviting, uses cheerful all-of-one-kind chintz everywhere, even as covering for the bombé bedside chests. Its warm, solacing flower-spangled crispness is reminiscent of country-weekend hospitality in a great house—exactly the atmosphere the hostess wanted in urban quarters. In the dining room (*far right*), see how an unanticipated color can transform apartment-house blandness. The walls were lacquered the subtle shade of vin rosé, a festive surround in a room used for entertaining, and the architectural value of the moldings underlined in white. Added surprise: stenciled chairs under the crystal shower of a Waterford chandelier.

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AFLOAT IN THE TREETOPS

By JAMES De LONG ☐ The ultimate hideaway, as any child knows, is a treehouse. Next best is a house like this—a pendent vacation retreat floating among treetops on California's verdant Monterey Peninsula with few visible means of support. Though very little of it touches ground, it is made of such down-to-earth materials as concrete bridge beams, redwood plywood and a plastic roof textured with ground walnut shells.

Designed for Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ward by Architect Mark Mills, the house is filled with architectural intrigue, but there is no mystery about its suspense. Four concrete columns—one of which is the chimney, seen below in the living room—rise through the trees to support the prefabricated beams in a cruciform framework that cantilevers in four directions as much as 22 feet. From these giant monoliths, crowned with factory-built roof vaults, the superstructure is hung on steel tie rods concealed in the window mullions.

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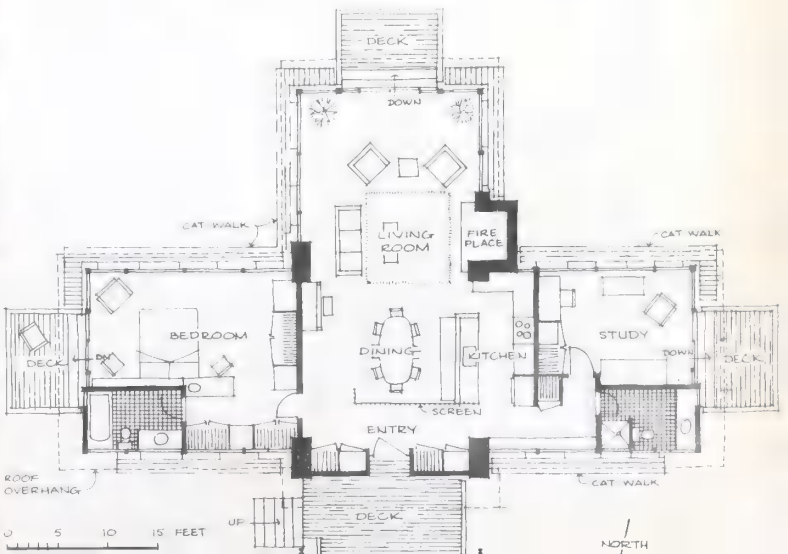

THE ARCHITECTURE
AND THE LANDSCAPE
BECOME ONE

The simple logic of the transverse floor plan (*lower right*) would work well in any setting, but here it performs the added function of bringing one of the world's most celebrated landscapes into every area of the house. Any movement through these projecting room-spaces sets up a continuous unfoldment of tree-filtered panorama. From end to end, the house encompasses a full half-circle of omnipresent vista. The secluded study (*left*) looks westward across Cypress Point to the Pacific, while the bedroom (*right*) faces an east and south view of Carmel Valley, Point Lobos and Pebble Beach.

Textures play an important role in relating the structure to its natural environment. The supporting columns are ribbed and bushhammered to suggest the rough bark of the surrounding pines, and the curved ceilings echo this effect with surfaces of applied wood strips. The beams are enriched by allowing their exposed stone aggregate to express the composite nature of concrete. A cadence of plain plank steps (*below*) leads up from the carport beneath to the hanging entry deck.



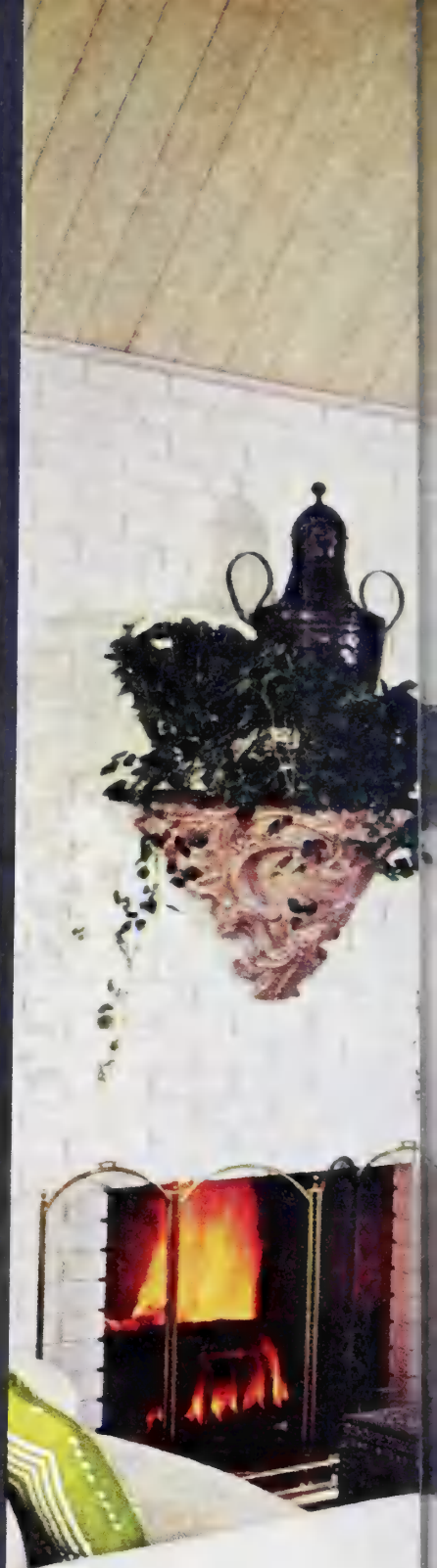




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new romanticism

Nothing succeeds like success, as the saying goes. Designer Ron Collier has demonstrated the old French proverb with this fresh restatement of the feeling he designed into the interiors of the former home of his clients—a couple with four young children. His previous interpretation of their lifestyle was so successful that they asked his help again in transferring it to their new house.

The transition from a conventional, builder-designed house to this rambling residence on a Southern California seacoast was not easy. Collier accomplished it by designing the new house from the ground up, skillfully weaving updated strands of thinking into accoutrement from the other home.

The windowless street façade —bearing the Regency look of a small country chateau—belies the open, casual living that revolves around the inner porch shown on the next page. The formal entrance doors (*above left*) are flanked by antique locomotive lamps and a pair of 18th-century French squirrels immortalized in cast concrete.

The furnishing of the octagonal entry (*below left*) keynotes the eclectic approach to the decorating of the entire house —a selection of articles of various origins chosen only for their intrinsic compatibility.

The tall living room (*right*) is capped with a trapezoidal ceiling of California redwood boards. The freshness of the room springs from its brilliant rug, based on a Portuguese needlework pattern, which unifies such disparate items as a Moroccan screen, 18th-century French chairs, a stack of antique Indonesian storage boxes, Chinese jars, thick sofas that are reminiscent of the 1930s and lithographs by the American artists Jasper Johns and Robert Indiana.

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A NEW LOOK

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The brick-paved porch (*left*), roofed with latticed skylights and embraced by three walls of the house, becomes a sheltered outdoor living room for plants and other people. It opens to a wide patio facing the sea and a swimming pool on a lower gardened terrace. A spacious gallery parallels a guestroom, dining room, breakfast area (seen through the open doors) and kitchen to connect the living room and master bedroom wing (out of photograph to left) with a wing to the right containing a billiard room and the children's bedrooms. Low-arched fanlights were added over the French doors to bring more light into the interiors and relieve the monotony of the openings.

Wicker furniture upholstered with blue denim—it improves with fading—gives the porch the romantic ambience of perennial summer—and lowers maintenance to near-zero.

Another view of the breakfast area (*below right*), looks out to the porch. The skylight, as in the entry and over the porch, is covered with latticing to filter the sun's rays and create a moving mosaic of shadows within the room. Matching wallpaper, designed by Louis Bowen and printed on patent vinyl fabric, carries the illusion of lattice-work down the walls. The oak plank table, designed by Ron Collier, was the dining table in the former house. The chandelier is Italian and the baker's rack planter to the right is 19th-century French.

The dining room (*above right*) was inspired by the patterns of blue-and-white porcelain from China and Europe. The fireplace opening is framed with Delft tile and the window seats covered in matching fabric. The Chippendale chairs are 19th-century reproductions and the wallpaper from Clarence House.









The bedrooms were all designed as special retreats for the individual members of a busy family. Each has its personal stamp, but all share the same quality of sequestered solitude. In the master suite (*below left*), a golden palette enhances the pervasive sunniness of the quietly cheerful bedroom. The chairs, draperies and lining of the canopied bed are all of a Zepel-protected matching cotton floral print by Brunschwig & Fils. Their exuberant presence is tempered by the cool, underlying geometry of the carpet. The focal point of the room is the bamboo Victorian fireplace frame and mantel that were brought from England. Adjacent to the bedroom is a stepped-down study and office-in-the-home paneled in wood.

Kimberly, the baby of the family, has her own room to grow in (*above left*). Her pillow-piled bed is set into an alcove formed by built-in storage units that eliminate the need for dressers. Flanking open shelves keep her dolls and toys handy. The plaid papered ceiling and scalloped border over the alcove give a sense of style to the room without the necessity of papering the walls.

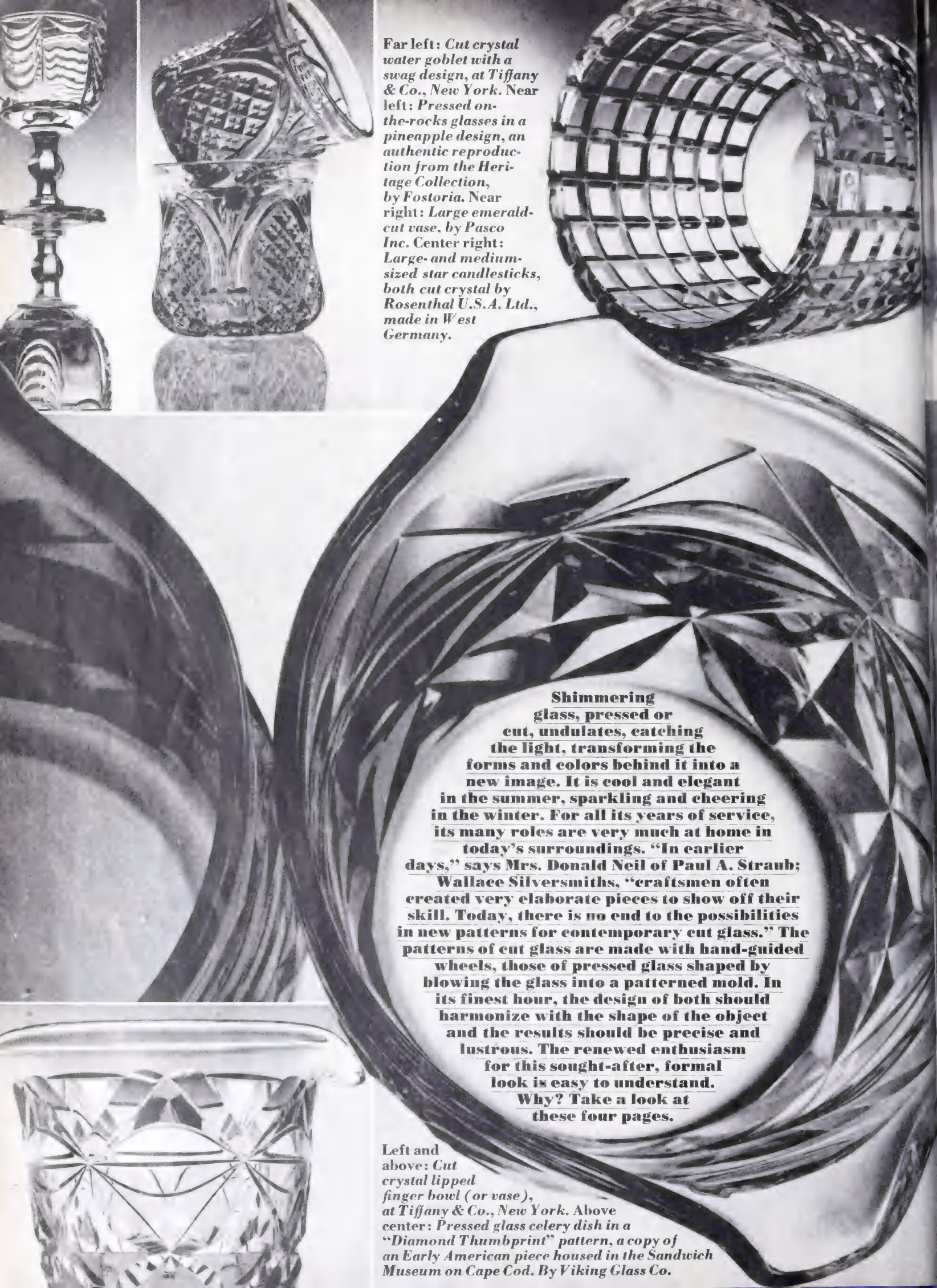
Kelly's room (*right*) is a half-story higher than the rest of the children's quarters—as befits the eldest. It is a snug aerie with white-shuttered casements opening out to the sea, and it was planned to serve her through her teen years as well as it does now. And what else would a girl named Kelly be wearin' on her walls but shamrocks and the green of the same name? Here again, the deft use of matching patterns in wallpaper, curtains and cushions (also by Brunschwig & Fils) pulls the room together in quiet harmony. The inviting window seat will also sleep a stay-over guest.





Far left: *Cut crystal water goblet with a swag design, at Tiffany & Co., New York.* Near left: *Pressed on-the-rocks glasses in a pineapple design, an authentic reproduction from the Heritage Collection, by Fostoria.* Near right: *Large emerald-cut vase, by Pasco Inc.* Center right: *Large- and medium-sized star candlesticks, both cut crystal by Rosenthal U.S.A. Ltd., made in West Germany.*

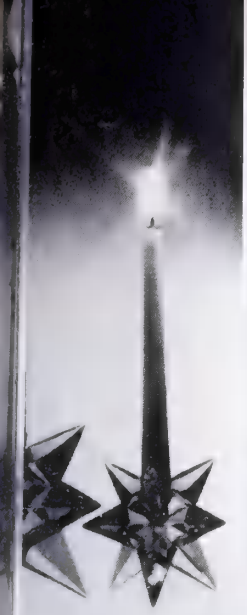
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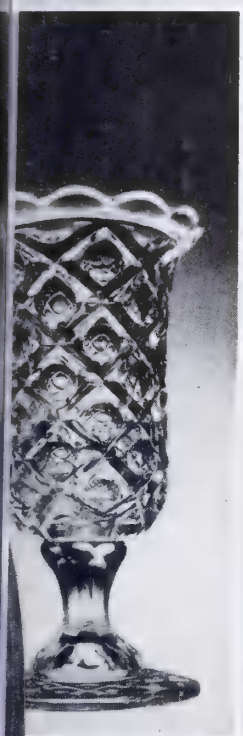


Left and above: *Cut crystal lipped finger bowl (or vase), at Tiffany & Co., New York.* Above center: *Pressed glass celery dish in a "Diamond Thumbprint" pattern, a copy of an Early American piece housed in the Sandwich Museum on Cape Cod. By Viking Glass Co.*

Cut to a radiant beauty

Editor PHYLLIS BARTLETT



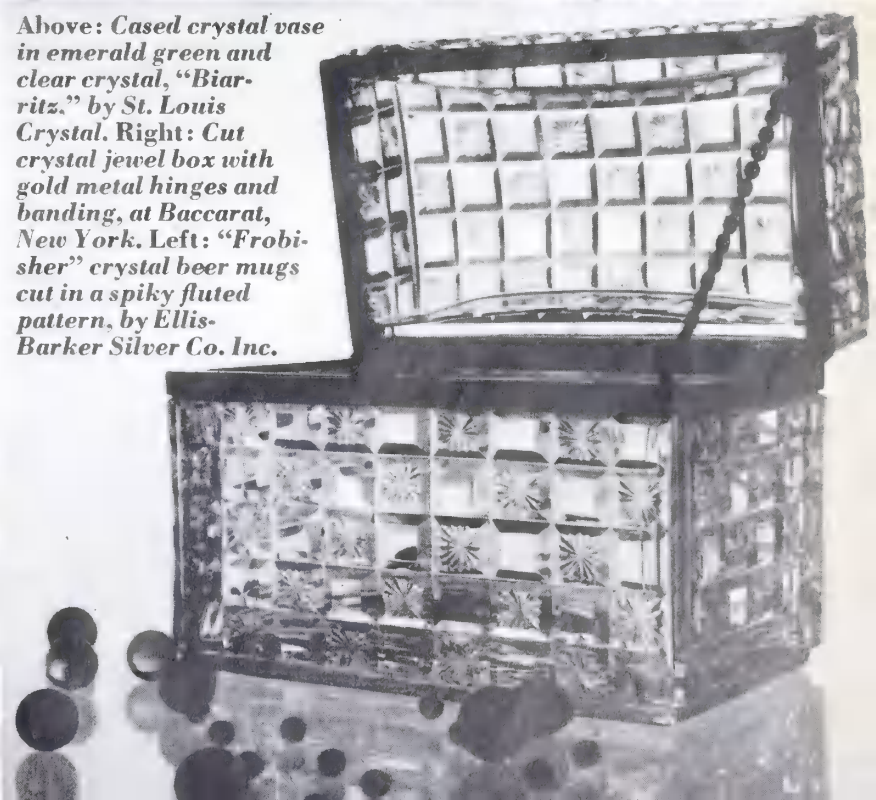




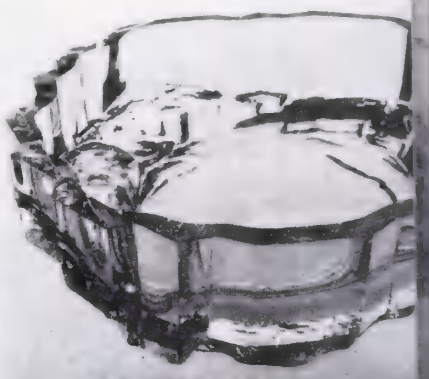
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Above: ***Cased crystal vase in emerald green and clear crystal, "Biarritz," by St. Louis Crystal.*** **Right:** ***Cut crystal jewel box with gold metal hinges and banding, at Baccarat, New York.*** **Left:** ***"Frobisher" crystal beer mugs cut in a spiky fluted pattern, by Ellis-Barker Silver Co. Inc.***

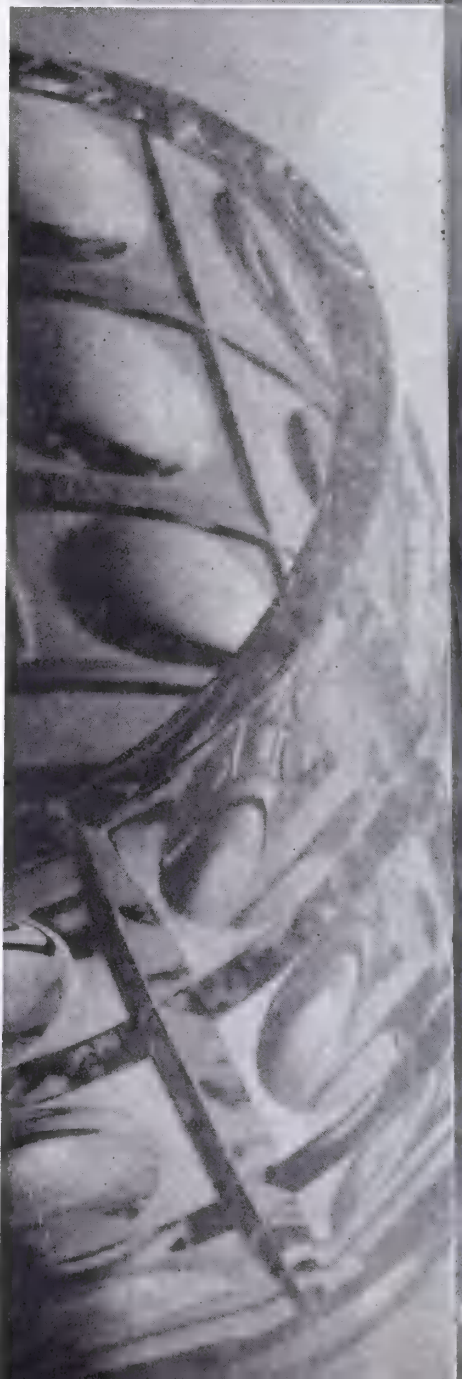


The three pieces here show some of the variations possible with hand-cutting, from distinct and crisp lines to the smoothest circles. Below: *Low bowl or good-sized centerpiece of molded and cut crystal, designed by Tapio Wirkaala of Finland for Iittala.* Bottom center: *Window-pane cut (circle in a square) candy dish by Pasco. A lid is also available.* Right: *Waterford's "Colleen," a cut-crystal decanter from Ireland.*





Left: *Cut crystal dinner bell from Belgium by Val St. Lambert.* Below left: *Oval swirl-cut bowl by Pasco.* Below right: *"Revelry," cut crystal stemware by Lenox. Lighting makes a big difference in the way glass looks—and should be an important consideration in displaying pieces. "When light falls on a piece of heavy crystal," says Lenox consultant Dr. Douglas K. Hill, "it's reflected many times. When a piece is brilliant, we should see bright flashes of light." If you have overhead lighting, a pattern with horizontal cuts shows up best. With side lighting, vertical cuts are most brilliant.*













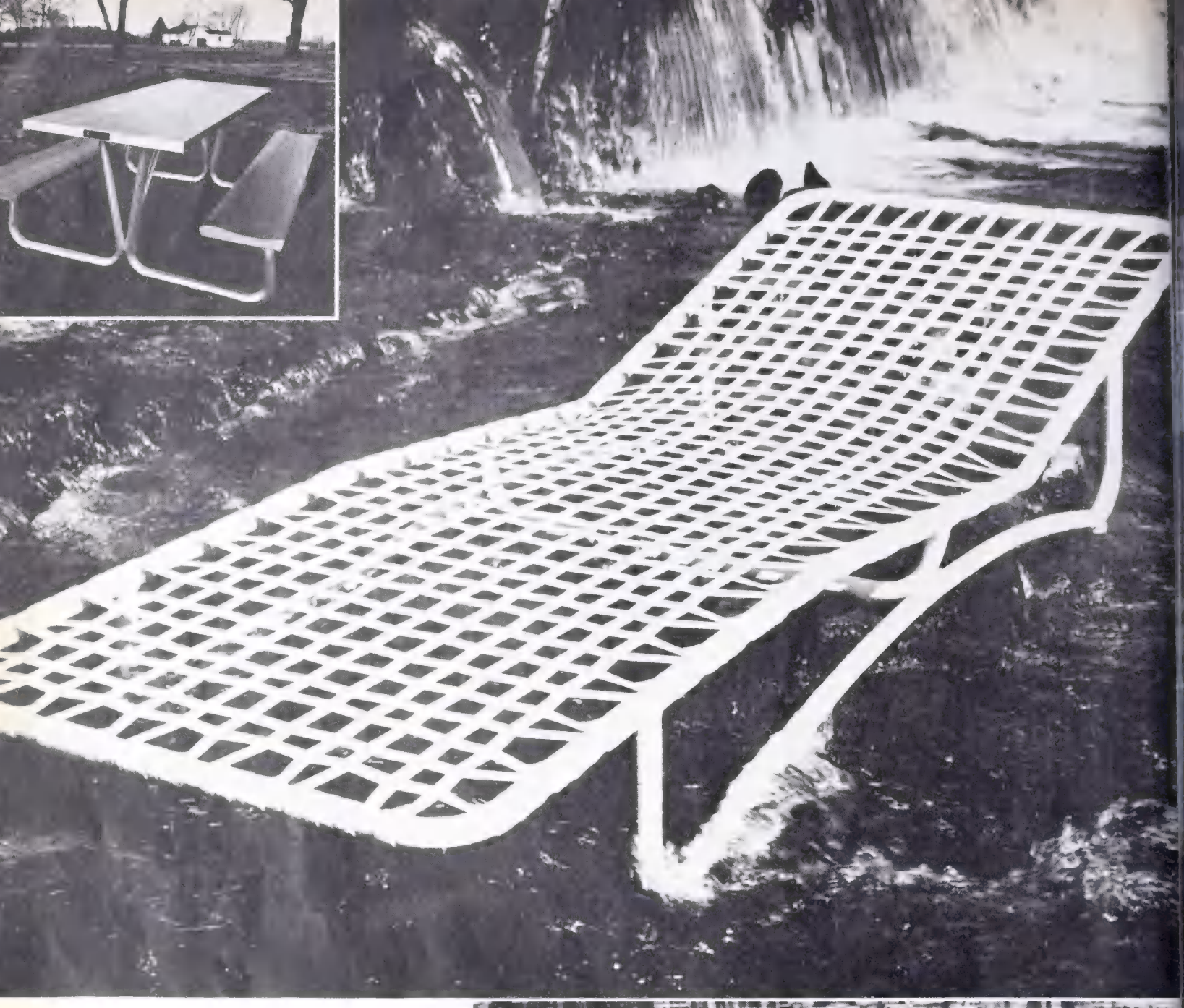
Different effects can be achieved by varying the traditional techniques. **Above:** ***Old-fashioned pressed and then cut glass sugar bowl and cream pitcher, reproductions of 19th-century American glass, at gift shop, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.*** **Below:** ***A modern look from West Germany, Peill Crystal's "Nido" pattern vase, cut by sand-blasting.***

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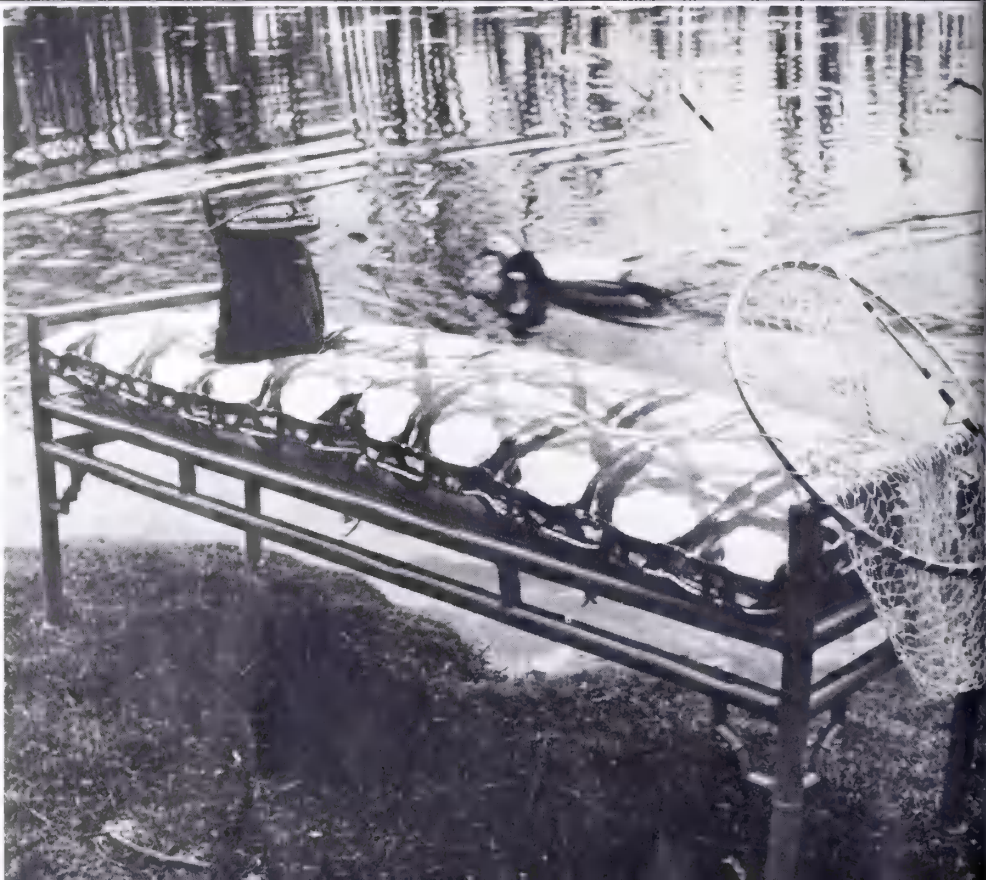
Editor RUTH ADAMS □ Oh, glorious indolence! If ever there was a time for sitting down—anywhere at all—it's now. Summer! In a hymn of praise to relaxation, we have gathered a number of things to sit in and photographed them in the oddest of places. Who knows, after all, where you might want to sit and stare . . . or chat . . . or simply sip a cooling lemonade? Against the primness and dignity of the American Gothic look of a boys' academy turned into a private home is its very opposite—a sensuously curved settee all puffed up in bright yellow upholstery (*far right*). Calif.-Asia Co. Ltd., a division of Brown Jordan. The SurfLine ring chair (*inset right*) with white metal frame (and available ottoman) sits in utter calm amid the ruins of an old mill. Should ruins appeal less than a patio, try patio-sitting. By Wall Tube & Metal Products. The ultimate in indolence (why not?) is a canoe ride with a courtly oarsman and a round bar cart (*below*) that serves idler and oarsman. No canoe? No river? The cart has casters for porch mobility. By Salterini. Stop in your tracks! White lattice-rattan chairs and a table with white plastic top (*upper right*) come also with a glass top and snap-on cushions for the seats and backs. Set by Willow & Reed Inc.

SI CHI KO





Don't be frightened! It's not a crawling creature but an enormous, daffy, swoop-shape chaise made of red molded plastic (*far right*). Designed by Eero Aarnio, it has traveled all the way from Finland to sit on an American highway. Anticipating a heavy downpour, the small umbrella might protect just a bit of it or, when the sun shines too brilliantly, do the work of a parasol. From Lord and Taylor. A reproduction of a turn-of-the-century French ice cream set (*top right inset*), popular when *femmes (fatales)* and *chevaliers* met in outdoor cafés to sip ices and whisper sweet nothings has been adapted to a brisker American life. By Lee Woodard Sons Inc. "Swingin' Loafer" (*lower right inset*) is available in red with or without a giant U-frame in white. By Pleasure Hours. How delightful to lounge about while the waterfall roars in the background. For waterfall-listening, it's nice to concentrate in a low chaise (*above*) with white strapping and sleigh-runner legs for better use on grass or sand. Brown Jordan. Even waterfall-listeners and wave-watchers must eat, so for the pleasures of the picnic, the Pik Nik patio tables (*inset above*) are available in green, gold, silver, orange. Howmet Corp. A green chaise (*right*) with an upholstered cushion in airy green and white trellis pattern is excellent for sitting—anywhere. This pretty piece is from Meadowcraft.







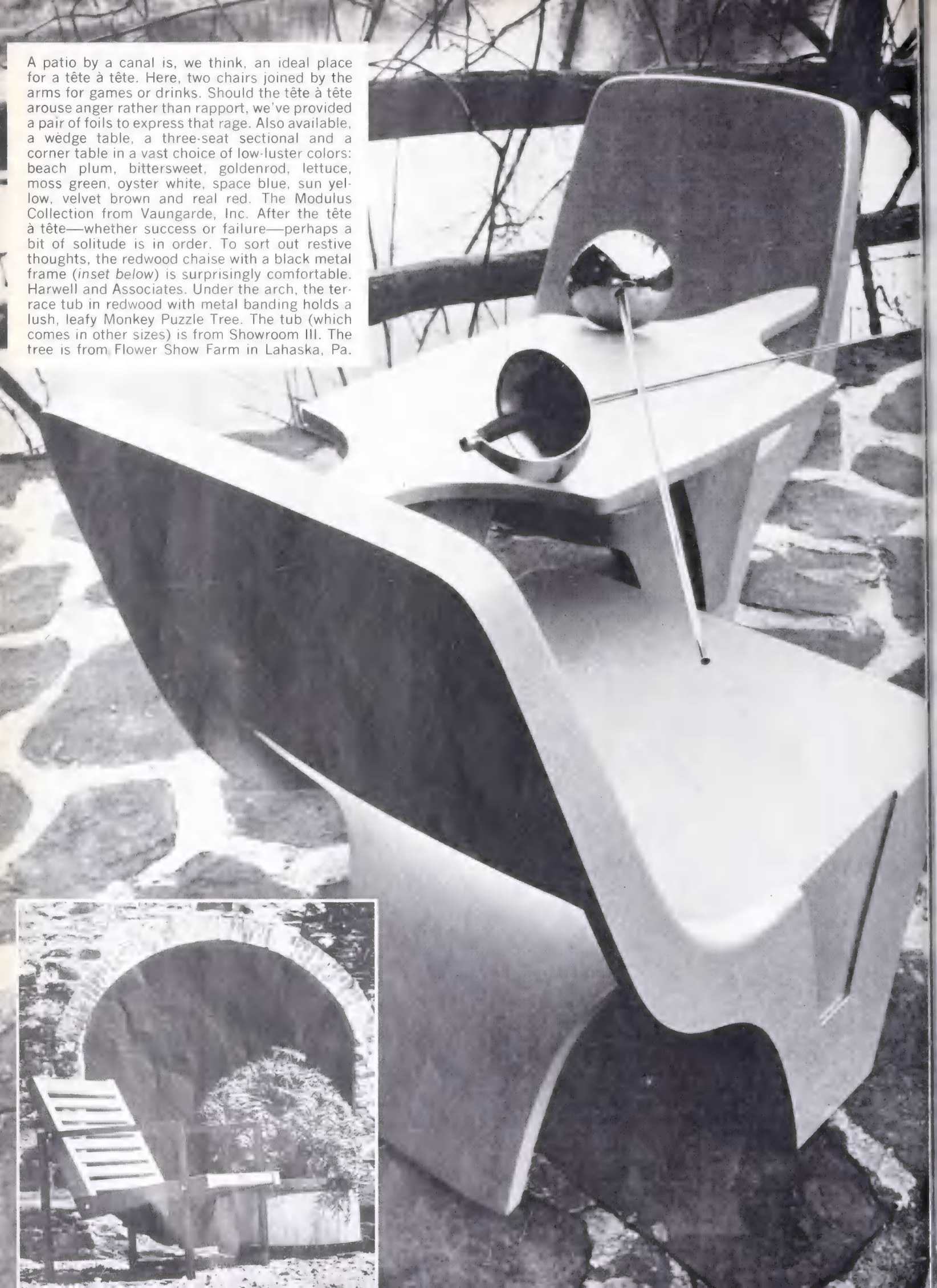
A CACHE OF ON-THE-G FURNITURE YOU CAN BUILD

Editor ELVIN McDONALD □ A new outdoor theater (*far right*) that waits for the audience to enter and the show to begin? No. We've come upon the show itself! A stunning and adaptable collection of chairs, tables and ottomans that were created by House Beautiful and the American Plywood Association. Listen to the behind-the-scene story of the production. HB, the prime mover, knows that "if you want something done, ask a busy man." (Better yet, ask two busy men.) We asked two busy architects, Walter Brown and Lawrence Jacobs, to design a group of modular outdoor furniture that folds up and away for winter storage. Not only can this collection fit perfectly on a patio, deck or beach, but the plastic-coated fabric by Jack Lenor Larsen is oblivious to wet bathing suits. At summer's end, 11 pieces—four low slouch chairs, two ottomans, two low tables, two end tables and one planter—can be folded and stacked in an ordinary station wagon for the trip home. Surprise ahead! The collection fits extraordinarily well into a contemporary interior—winter or summer. Its low-slung qualities work wonders against eight-foot ceilings. The arrangements are as endless as your own imagination. (Four of the chairs, when clustered, each facing different directions, become a supergraphic pinwheel sculpture.) Uniquely graceful, the collection has the sleekness of Italian contemporary with not a trace of the boxiness once associated with plywood furniture. The edges, rounded on a three-inch radius, are sanded and clear-finished. There is a low table, a higher table, chair and ottoman. The serving tray insets for plants, skinny candles, drinks (*below*) are optional. All are simple to make from five basic pieces of ¾-inch A-A exterior plywood with ordinary hinges. Complete, detailed working plans for building any or all of the furniture in this collection are available for $1 from the American Plywood Association, Dept. HB-MF, 1119 A St., Tacoma, Wash. 98401.





A patio by a canal is, we think, an ideal place for a tête à tête. Here, two chairs joined by the arms for games or drinks. Should the tête à tête arouse anger rather than rapport, we've provided a pair of foils to express that rage. Also available, a wedge table, a three-seat sectional and a corner table in a vast choice of low-luster colors: beach plum, bittersweet, goldenrod, lettuce, moss green, oyster white, space blue, sun yellow, velvet brown and real red. The Modulus Collection from Vaungarde, Inc. After the tête à tête—whether success or failure—perhaps a bit of solitude is in order. To sort out restive thoughts, the redwood chaise with a black metal frame (*inset below*) is surprisingly comfortable. Harwell and Associates. Under the arch, the terrace tub in redwood with metal banding holds a lush, leafy Monkey Puzzle Tree. The tub (which comes in other sizes) is from Showroom III. The tree is from Flower Show Farm in Lahaska, Pa.



As convention-time nears, we stand firmly upon our own platform for action: Getting out the vote is everybody's duty... and we think campaigning for your candidate can be fun! On these pages, a full slate of winning entertaining ideas to help you



the party of your choice



BILL HELMS

Breakfast or lunch, dinner or dessert—and all the hours between. Any time can be right to party for your party. Remember how the Kennedy women tea-partied through JFK's early elections? You might plan a mid-morning coffee to introduce a candidate or an issue, a formal dinner (like Martha Mitchell's on the next two pages) to cement ties among fellow believers, a buffet or cocktail party to watch the convention, wind up a day of hand-shaking or solicit volunteers to work at the polls. Women make up 51% of the potential voting population, according to Louis Harris' survey for Virginia Slims, women who also can ring doorbells, stuff envelopes, hand out leaflets, make speeches, organize rallies, run for office and give any campaign a special luster with imaginative, meaningful entertaining. For fund-raising, vote-raising or just plain consciousness-raising on the power of the ballot, now is the time for the party of your choice.







On opening night, invite all your favorite neighborhood Democrats to caucus at a convention-tuned buffet

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By NATALIE SCHRAM ☐ Martha Mitchell entertains exuberantly, with great flair and an instinct for pleasing her guests. The wife of former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell says a bit wistfully in her soft, Southern-tinged voice, "I really feel I missed my calling. I should have been an interior decorator. When I give a party, it's just like decorating a room. I start with a theme and my colors and then plan the menu. For this very special convention-time dinner, I had a tablecloth made of silk taffeta from Stroheim and Romann. It's perfect with my antique plates, amethyst wine glasses and the silver goblets we've collected over the years. And with the mother-of-pearl knives, which belonged to my great-grandmother. The theme of this dinner is political, of course, and since the elephant is the symbol of the Republican Party, I was so happy that Garrick Stephenson was kind enough to lend me his gilded elephants. For the menu, I've decided on one of my favorites—lobster mousse bordered with shrimp, squab stuffed with wild rice, purée of peas and carrots, cooked mushrooms soaked in wine. John and I serve only American wines and Champagnes, and since I love flaming desserts, we'll have cherries jubilee. After dinner, we'll go back to the living room for my special café brûlot. We always have music, so there will be an accordionist or a small combo. And, of course, I've always played the organ." Asked about the obvious—how she reacts to the publicity she attracts, Martha Mitchell grinned impishly. "I don't pay attention to it—though sometimes I peek!"

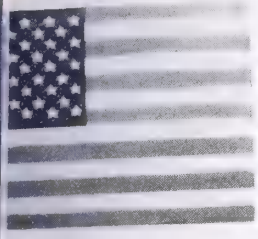
With the smile of a woman who loves parties, Martha Mitchell plans a gala dinner around a few of her favorite things

HOWARD GRAFF





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Election-time entertaining: It's a ready-made theme awaiting the special touch of your imagination to transform the obvious into superb party accessories

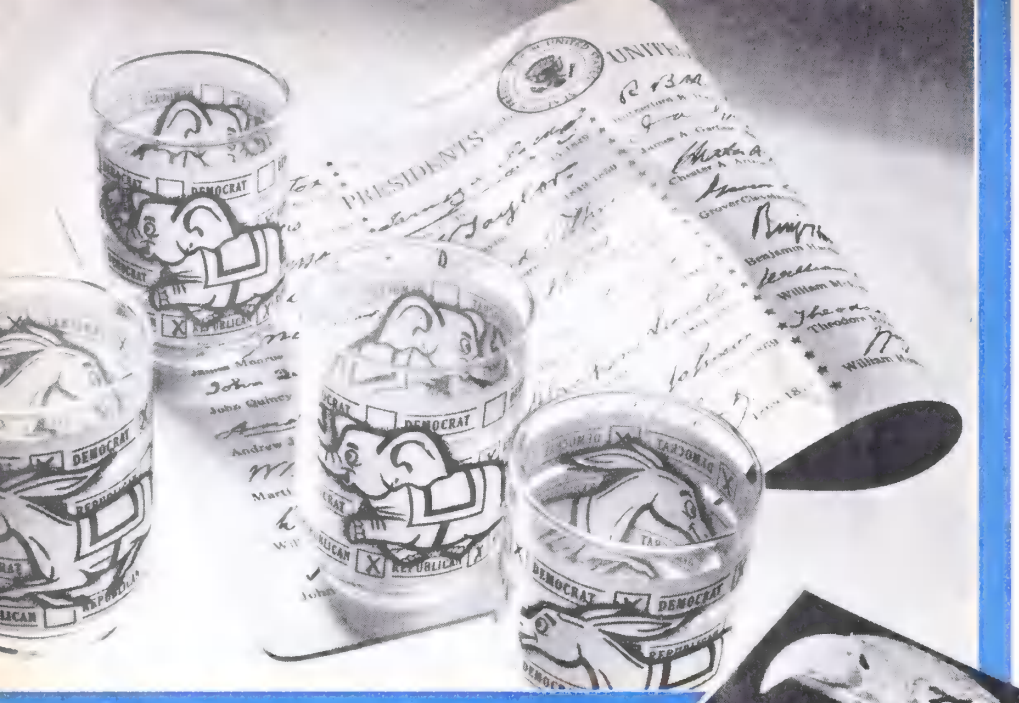


LOTS OF BIG PATRIOTIC BALLOONS, *lots of little flags—these could be the perfect beginning trimmings for an election-themed party. Massed on a mailbox, billowing up stairwells, floating out of flowerpots, welcoming balloons could bloom in surprise places all over your house. Tiny toothpick-mounted flags are made for hors d'oeuvres, but wouldn't they also look convention-time gay woven into red tulips, white chrysanthemums, blue bachelor buttons or all three? Or, if you're nimble of finger, how about needlepointing old-time and current campaign-button designs onto 13-inch-round pillows? They're available in kit form, 36 mottoes, immortalizing losers, as at left, and winners from 1916 ("Win with Wilson") to 1972 (lots of hopefuls and we're not clairvoyant).*

OR THINK POSTERS TO *decorate your election-season happening. You could string them up in trees, spotlighted as they might be at a rally, hang them on windows, prop them up against patio walls. Or glue candidates' pictures to shirt cardboards (opponents back to back), tie on some string and you've got the makings of a swing-in-the-wind presidential mobile. Not only is there a colorful crop of this year's posters to choose from (local headquarters invariably seem happy to give them away), you can also buy marvelous old etchings newly reproduced with a vote motif (below) and copies of from-the-past posters like the beautifully tinted Grover Cleveland one on the next page.*

ANOTHER WAY *you could be decorative with posters is to use mirrors. Cut out just the silhouette of a candidate's face and mount the surrounding remaining part of the poster onto a mirror. When guests steal a glance, they'll see themselves topped with, say, George Washington's wig or Richard Nixon's widow's peak. If*





make memorable party favors. Or you could set a gay, predominantly paper table. The red-white-and-blue eagled, starred and striped plates, napkins, cups and invitations (below) also come with a matching party-sized tablecloth.

POLITICAL MATCHES? Certainly. The ones housed in the shiny blue triangular box (far left below) are brightened with jazzy donkeys and elephants, as is the adjacent ashtray in ceramic. Actually you could concoct a whole rollicking, flag-waving convention parade of animals for a centerpiece, maybe caucusing together lots of big and little Danish-made elephants and donkeys (top right). You could light your table with Nixon and Vote candles, serve hot dishes with "Hail to the Chef" potholders. The "We Do Not Rent Rooms to Democrats" plaque (it comes in a Republican version,

Past and present—ideas everywhere

you are entertaining game friends who like costumes and might like feeling political head to toe, why not ask them to come as "the most unforgettable convention delegate they'd ever like to meet"?

TO SET A WINNING and unforgettable table, you could vote in place mats embellished with the signatures of all our past presidents (above) and glasses circled with donkeys and elephants. Centerpieces? Why not chase up an antique wooden ballot box (you could probably find one at a theatrical prop shop) and top it with a bouquet of stars and stripes pinwheels, like the ones shown on page 53. Or what about a hat-in-the-ring centerpiece—an artistic pile-up of honeycombed-paper top hats (far right below) or a traditional straw boater circled with finely detailed reproductions of historic campaign buttons (below center), which would also



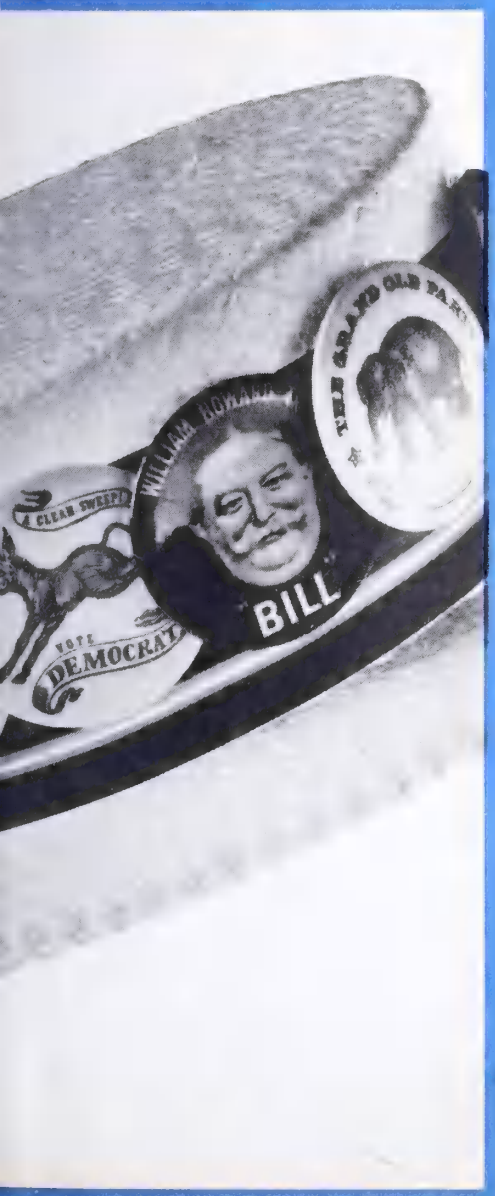






too) could double as a tray for drinks or coffee, it's such a perfect shape. AND THAT BRINGS UP that whole vast subject of food for the party of your choice. You could make it seem you've invented a whole new kind of food by giving some basic concoctions their own brand-new campaign-minded names. Why not dream up a cool summer brew and call it McGovern Peace Soup? Or serve Muskie Mules or refreshing Chisholm Coolers? Or barbecue some Humphrey Heffalump-burgers? Or if you don't think everyone you invite is going to vote the same way, some less partisan labels could be fun, too—Front-runner Fricassee, Silent Majority Hushpuppies (for the morning after) or Toss-up Salad. If your friends are likely to be going wild counting votes rather than calories, bake them a scrumptious American Flag Cake (a rectangular sponge cake with strawberry halves and blueberries arranged on whipped cream topping to imitate Old Glory's stars and stripes). Or, using the Mexican tin molds that are shown at the bottom of page 53, bake some cakes shaped like those party-symbol animals that we keep mentioning. If you've served your guests such a ballot box-stuffing supper that they have room for only the tiniest of desserts—how about fortune cookies with campaign predictions or politicians' names slipped inside? AND POLITICIANS' NAMES and slogans can be great take-off points for engaging before- and after-dinner games. (Watching convention headcounts or election returns can turn into a long, long night.) Lots of new political, strategy-packed board games are already at hand in book and stationery stores. "The Next President," "Landslide," "Who Can Beat Nixon?" and "Hat in the Ring," for instance. But you could also parlay nominees' names into some homemade games, even as a way to seat people. As friends arrive, pin a picture of a famous or infamous politician—past or present—to each person's back (without letting him see who it is). To try to guess this identity, that person can ask only two questions of everyone at the party—and only queries that can be answered by a yes or a no. Once someone's guessed who he is, he finds his place at the table according to a symbol on a place card—say a piano for Harry Truman, a walking stick for Teddy Roosevelt. After dinner, see who is the champion of memory and guessing games. Prizes could be inexpensive items like a VOTE bumper sticker (center left), an inflatable see-through pillow with fingers making a V for vote sign or a round VOTE key ring (both, below left) or a snappy enameled vote pendant (below right). SOME GAME STRATEGIES: A week or two ahead, start clipping out political headlines from newspapers. The night of the party, spread a dozen or two out on a table and let everyone study the clippings three or four minutes. Then clear the headlines away and give each participant pencil and paper and a time limit. Winner is the one who can accurately remember and write down the most headlines in the shortest time (or by your time limit). Mixing charades and politics could be lively, too—having guests act out slogans or speech mannerisms of a particular candidate without making a single sound. Another idea—have everybody scribble down a law or resolution he would personally like to see Congress draft and pass. Shake up all the slips in a straw hat, let everyone pick one and then act out the legislation message—silently, of course. Once the law's been guessed, all could try to guess who in the group originally drafted it and why. If you have lots of colorful talkers present, give a (Continued on page 79)









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FOR SUMMER COLOR, CHOOSE PERENNIALS ALL ABLOOM

Earth colors. Sky colors. The rainbow. That's the iris, a hardy perennial that returns year after year. If it has a fault, it is that the rhizomes multiply so rapidly that dividing is needed every few years. That's also why yesterday's $250 superstar costs 50 cents today. Plant the rhizomes any time from July to September in sun and well-drained soil. Select early, midseason and late varieties for May-June bloom. Iris news: fuller flowers; longer season, more bloom; sunset colors—orange, salmon, coral, carrot, pink, apricot.

ELVIN McDONALD

The Siberian wallflower (Erysimum asperum, usually listed as Cheiranthus allionii) spreads its golden blanket of bloom at tulip time. Like the Iceland poppy, it is a perennial usually treated as an annual or biennial. Where winters are mild, sow seeds in autumn. Elsewhere, start seeds in July to give more growing time before freezing. Keep seedlings evenly moist. After the ground freezes, mulch with leaves or hay. Transplant to the garden as soon as the soil is workable in spring. Sound like a lot of trouble? It is, but worth it. If most of your perennials are relatively carefree—like the other nine here—you'll have time to grow one or two that take special attention. Try forget-me-nots in plantings with massed tulips and Siberian wallflowers. Besides the hybrid Lemon Delight shown here, you might like the Golden Bedder and Apricot Delight, too, all improved hybrids.

The lavender flowers of Silver Tips liatris have a luminous quality. This perennial, to 18 inches tall, blooms in August. Great for cutting; no bugs; no care needed; survives poor, dry soil. Set out young plants in sunny spot in spring or fall.

Bright Eyes phlox, with its pale pink, crimson-eyed flowers, is only one of many Symons-Jeune Hybrids developed by a captain in the British army. His goals, remarkably achieved: large florets in huge panicles, sparkling clean colors, fragrance, strong stems and disease resistance. The colors range from blue, purple and lilac to pink, cherry-red and salmon-orange, many marked with a contrasting darker eye. Set out the roots in fall or spring in rich, well-drained soil in full sun. In periods of drought, soak well—it is best not to sprinkle the foliage, as that encourages mildew. To keep vigorous, divide every three years. Also thin out clumps in spring, allowing about four stalks to mature in each. Cut the flowers before seeds form to encourage flowering from July to frost; this also avoids an invasion of seedlings (usually an ugly magenta color).

For more than 30 years, the best lupines the world over have been the Russell Hybrids, developed by George Russell of Yorkshire, a railroad guard by profession. The tightly packed pea flowers crowd spires to three feet tall, in blue, lavender, pink, red, white and yellow, often in striking bicolor combinations. Set established plants in the spring. If seeds are sown in July where they are to grow and the coat first nicked with a file, they'll give some blooms the next year. Lupines need moist, well-drained soil in sun. After May bloom, cut back for another crop. Other spires include penstemon, physostegia, lythrum.

Primroses like these vivid Giant Pacific Hybrids give winter bloom in mild climates, elsewhere from spring until hot weather. They will flower in sun or shade, but where summers are hot and dry, they need shade and moisture to survive. In rich leaf mold soil, they grow more beautiful year after year. In cold climates, set out flowering plants in spring. Seeds sprout best when sown early, while weather is still cool; flowers begin second season. Superb companions for spring bulbs; well-suited to container gardening, choice for moist rockery.

When a plant grows spires of flowers six feet tall in every imaginable shade of blue, plus lavender-pink, purple and white, it has to be delphinium. The Round Table Pacific Coast Hybrids are the most spectacular, the Bishop Hybrids the most perennial and the Connecticut Yankee, shown here, the best for the beginner. Set plants in spring in sun and fertile soil. Sow seeds in spring or summer. Cut more flowers; they'll bloom more.

Summer-flowering white allium represents the ornamental onions, hundreds of hardy perennials that bloom from spring to August. (Others are blue, pink, red, rose, violet and yellow.) Stems vary from six inches to six feet tall. They are superb cut flowers, fresh or dried, excellent plants for the mixed border. Plant bulbs in autumn, in a sunny place where soil is rich but sandy. Plant seeds in spring or summer; grow in a protected frame and transplant to permanent places in the garden after first bloom time.

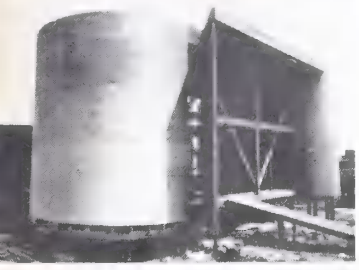
Iceland poppies are perennials that bloom the first year from seeds sown early; you can broadcast the seeds over snow-covered ground in the winter and they'll sprout in the first warm days of spring for fragile blooms in apricot, orange, pink, red, rose and yellow from May until frost. The Champagne Bubbles Hybrids have flowers twice the size of others. Grow in formal beds or borders or in a meadow, as shown here.

The aficionados call them "hems," short for hemerocallis, but to most of us they are daylilies. The Illinois shown here flowers from July to frost. Others bloom as early as May. Cast-iron perennials, they compete even with tree roots in baking sun or part shade. Plant the roots any time the soil can be worked. Daylily news: purples, dark lavenders, other vivid pansy colors and white.

By ELVIN McDONALD















A PRIZE

REMODELING FOR A VERY PRIZE LOT

Editor NATALIE SCHRAM □ The land was prize—the last beachfront plot that edges the spectacular swath of nature making up the Fire Island National Seashore preserve. What was on the plot was not so prize, but Stuart Roeder liked the challenge of Architect Horace Gifford's taking the existing modest beach house (*far left top*), "which some people might call ugly, and making something beautiful out of it." The original house—two bedrooms, living room, kitchen—was remodeled into three bedrooms and kitchen, with a living/dining wing added on the ocean side of this strip of land off the Long Island coast. But Gifford's major challenge was to give the rooms a new focus toward the outdoors. Adding 45-degree angled walls to two adjacent bedrooms (*see plans on next page*) opened them up to views of shore and sea, and by framing the windowed side of the new living room (*far left below*) and extending cedar decking out at 45 degrees, he also created, in effect, "view lines that tell you where to look from inside. They turn you away from the town side of the house, toward the sea." In rhythmic counterpoint to this openness, the closed, drum-shaped part of the living room becomes a fascinating kaleidoscope. Filtering through high porthole windows, sunspots pattern their way down rough cedar walls to curving maxi-couch (deliberately a bit secluded from the could-be-overwhelming beach view) and across to the sheepskin-lined loft.

FOUR INSET PHOTOS MS. HORACE GIFFORD; OTHERS HOWARD GRAFF



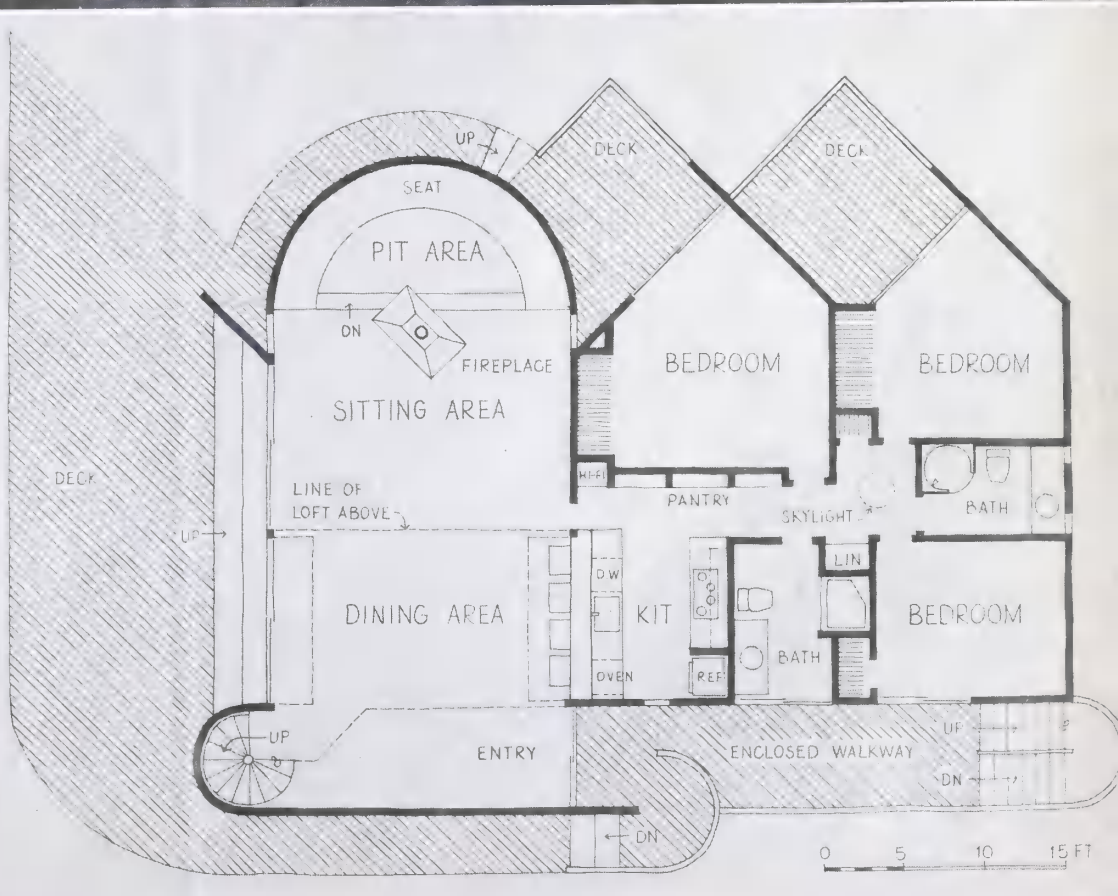
TUNED TO NATURE'S FORCES—AND MAN'S SOCIABILITY





A fur-lined loft? Sure, for this is a beach house with an owner who's enormously gregarious. It's not at all unusual, says a friend, to see Stuart Roeder cooking up a gourmet dinner for 40 in his angle-cupboarded kitchen (*above*). Reached by spiral stairs, the loft (*left*) adds a super-textural extra level where good-sized groups can enjoy drinks, word games and after-dinner coffee with a bird's-eye view of phosphorous-lit waves. The loft (a great place to sleep or read, too) also gives a sociable quality of enclosure to the entertainment-sized table beneath it. Topped with oak boards spaced like the decking outside, the legs of the table are made of galvanized plumber's pipes—handsomely hardy materials for this seaside atmosphere. The durable director's chairs are nicely nomadic for dining indoors or out. The main entrance to the house (*above right*) has been given an intentional feeling of enclosure, too, so people feel welcomed before they even come inside. To enter from the public walk on the east side, you mount steps to the deck (shared by a bedroom), then walk straight ahead to the door to the living room. The way outer sheltering walls and stairwells curve, the way steps are open or roofed over (the visible set leads to an upper sun deck)—all this architecture, Gifford suggests, "handles guests. They don't walk smack up to the front door as they do at so many cottages out here. Instead, we're turning people, bringing them in, introducing them to the interesting design forms of this house in a very deliberate way."

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By JACQUES PÉPIN □ ***In France we take our salads seriously, considering them as important a part of a good cuisine as the meat course. We have two kinds:*** **salades simple and salades composées.** ***A simple salad, greens or raw or cooked vegetables, tossed in one of many suitable dressings, may be served after, with, sometimes even before the*** **pièce de résistance** ***(just as in Lyons, France, and in California). Composed or compound salads are, as the name suggests, a combination of many ingredients—greens, fresh and/or cooked vegetables, poached fish or meat, even flowers. Here, too, the dressings vary, although the most common is a mixture of oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. They can accompany the entrée but in many instances are whole meals in themselves. In general, salads—whatever the type—should be served cold. Yet there are instances when they taste best at room temperature or even lukewarm. The five we present here are all classic or regional composed salads.***

Selected by THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

GREAT SUMMER SALADS

SALADE IRMA

Salade Irma, a classic composed salad made with fresh and cooked vegetables, garnished with real live nasturtiums.

2 bunches or 4 pounds asparagus, peeled
1 head cauliflower, cut into flowerettes
1 pound green beans, as slender as possible
1 head Boston lettuce, washed and dried
1 cup homemade mayonnaise
1 cup heavy cream, slightly beaten
2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded and sliced very thin
6 radishes, washed and sliced thin
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 dozen fresh nasturtiums

The addition of nasturtiums (*capucines* in French) in this salad may come as a surprise to many Americans. Yet these flowers not only add a bright bit of color but a sweet, peppery taste that is reminiscent of watercress. Although the whole flower and leaves are served and eaten, the spur of the flower is where the flavor really lies.

Cook the asparagus, cauliflower and beans separately, uncovered, in boiling salted water until just tender. Refresh immediately under cold running water to stop the cooking. Drain thoroughly. Julienne the lettuce. Mix the mayonnaise and the cream. Taste for seasoning. You may need salt and pepper. Pour into a serving bowl. Place the lettuce in the bottom of a large bowl (crystal is especially attractive), arrange all the vegetables on top and garnish with the nasturtiums. Serves six to eight.

SALADE NIÇOISE

RICHARD JEFFERY

3 large potatoes
4 artichoke bottoms, cooked and sliced*
4 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and then cut into large dice
1 cup black pitted olives, well-drained
8 to 10 sprigs parsley, minced
2 tablespoons freshly chopped tarragon or chives
Dressing:
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon anchovy paste
½ cup olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Cook the potatoes in their skins in boiling salted water until tender. Peel and slice rather thick. Cool. Arrange all the vegetables in a large salad bowl. Add the dressing and toss gently. Allow to macerate for about 30 minutes. Just before serving, sprinkle with the parsley and tarragon or chives. Serves six. *Note:* Sometimes *nonat*, a small Mediterranean fish, is poached and mixed with the salad. It is somewhat similar to our whitebait in flavor.

To make the dressing: Mix together all the listed ingredients and then season with salt and freshly ground pepper to suit your taste.

*Canned artichoke bottoms may be used in place of the fresh ones, but they are not as delicate. (*Recipes are continued on the next page*)

MAYONNAISE DE VOLAILLE



1 3½- to 4-pound chicken, poached
1 cup homemade mayonnaise
1 head Boston lettuce
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, strained
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Garnish: 2 hard-cooked eggs, quartered; 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges; 1 small can anchovy fillets packed in oil; 2 tablespoons well-drained capers; 5 to 6 parsley sprigs, minced

Poach the chicken the day before and cool it, refrigerated in the broth. The mayonnaise and the garnishes, however, should not be prepared until shortly before the salad is served.

Skin the chicken and pull the meat off the bones in large pieces, then cut into thin slices. Pull the outside leaves off the head of lettuce, leaving the small heart intact. Wash and dry the leaves. Then cut into julienne. To combine the salad, place the julienne of lettuce in the bottom of a large crystal bowl and sprinkle with the lemon juice, salt and pepper. Toss lightly with a fork and spoon. Arrange the sliced chicken on top and coat with the mayonnaise, spreading it evenly with a metal spatula. Then set the lettuce heart in the center of the salad, arrange the garnish all around and sprinkle with the minced parsley. Serve at once to six.

SALADE DE PISSENLITS AU LARD

Dandelion (*pissenlits* in French) comes from the French *dent de lion*, meaning lion's tooth, undoubtedly because of the dandelion's jagged-edge leaves. Wild dandelions, which should be picked before the flowers open, have more "bite" (they are reminiscent of curly chicory) than those available commercially in Italian stores. Although wine is not customarily served with salads because the vinegar in the dressing conflicts with the wine, this salad, originally from the Lyonnais region of France, is the exception. With it we would serve a light Beaujolais.

Vegetable oil
French bread, sliced thin*
1 clove garlic, peeled and split
¼ pound corned belly, diced
1 pound dandelion greens, washed and dried
3 hard-cooked eggs, quartered
6 anchovy fillets, in oil, chopped
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons wine vinegar

Heat 2 or 3 tablespoons of oil in a heavy skillet. When hot, brown the bread lightly on both sides and then rub each side with the garlic. Blanch the corned belly in boiling water for two minutes, then cool under cold running water. Dry with paper towels. Place in a skillet over a good heat and cook until the pieces (*lardons*) are crisp and brown.

Place the dandelion greens in a large salad bowl with the eggs, bread, garlic, anchovies, salt and pepper to taste. Immediately add the *lardons* and the fat from the pan. Pour the vinegar into the hot pan and shake it back and forth. Pour over the salad and toss with a fork and spoon, taking care not to break the eggs. If you want to be really Lyonnaise, serve on warm salad plates. Serves six.

*If a large fat loaf, slice thin and then quarter.

SALADE LORETTE

1 pound field salad
1 or 2 ribs celery
5 or 6 beets, cooked
½ cup Rich Vinaigrette

Field salad, also known as corn salad and lamb's tongue (in French *mâche* or *doucette*), can generally be found in Italian groceries.

Wash and dry the field salad well. Peel the celery ribs. Cut into three-inch pieces, then cut the pieces, lengthwise, into julienne. Measure enough to make 1 cup. Peel the beets, slice, then "julienne" the slices. Measure 2 cups.

Combine all the vegetables in a salad bowl and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Just before serving, add the Rich Vinaigrette. Toss gently to avoid bruising the salad. Serves six.

Rich Vinaigrette: Combine 1 egg yolk, 2 tablespoons wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 2 shallots or green onion bulbs, chopped fine, and salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Whip with a wire whisk about one minute, then add ¾ cup salad oil very slowly, almost drop by drop, beating constantly with the whisk. Makes one cup.

Think now of delicious nuggets of beef en gelée; Loin of Pork studded with garlic and served with Mustard Mayonnaise; veal stuffed with delicate veal kidneys, braised in white wine; Poached Salmon, fresh from the cold Atlantic, accompanied by Green Mayonnaise; of Terrine of Pheasant with Madeira and a mosaic of pistachios; and tender sweet lobster tails with Sauce Rémoulade. All are worthy of company. And since all must be prepared well in advance, the cooking and serving can be done when the weather and the time suit you.

Boeuf à la Mode en Gelée

Since the beef is marinated and needs cooking four to five hours and the broth has to be chilled to make it jelly, start preparations at least a day ahead. Once made, however, it can be kept refrigerated two to three days.

5 pounds beef rump
4 ounces larding fat
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Marinade:
- **1 yellow onion, peeled, quartered and stuck with 2 cloves**
- **1 large carrot, coarsely sliced**
- **1 large celery rib, coarsely sliced**
- **2 whole cloves of garlic, unpeeled and crushed**
- **1 tablespoon dried thyme**
- **2 bay leaves**
- **4 or 5 stalks parsley**
- **2 cups dry red wine**
- **¼ cup brandy**

Vegetable oil
- **2 calf's feet, split***
- **3 cans (10½-ounce size) condensed beef broth**
- **6 carrots, peeled, sliced thin, cooked and chilled**

Have the butcher lard the beef with the fat, then tie it into a roll. Rub well with salt and pepper. Take a large plastic bag, add all the marinade and then the meat. Squeeze out all the air and tie securely. Place in a pan or bowl in case the bag leaks and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 12 hours. Be sure to turn the bag over whenever you think of it so all the meat is well marinated.

When ready to cook the meat, lift it from the marinade and dry well with paper towels. Set the marinade aside. Take an eight-quart enameled cast iron casserole with a tight-fitting lid. Add enough vegetable oil to make a good film over the bottom. Place over a moderately high heat. When the oil is very hot, brown the meat on all sides. Lift out the meat and pour off all the fat. Return the meat to the casserole and add the calf's feet, marinade, broth and enough water so the meat is almost covered. Place over moderate heat and bring to a boil. Carefully seal the casserole with heavy-duty foil and then add the lid.

Place in a preheated 350° oven and cook, turning every hour, for 3½ to five hours or until the beef is easily pierced with a kitchen fork. It should be almost tender enough to cut with a spoon (meat firms up when cold). Lift out the meat and cool slightly, then wrap tightly in foil. Place the broth back over a high heat and boil rapidly until you have 3½ to 4 cups left. Strain into a bowl through a sieve lined with dampened cheesecloth. Refrigerate meat and broth overnight.

The following day (or the day the beef is to be served), lift off and discard the layer of fat on the gelatinous broth. Spoon the broth into a saucepan and melt completely. Take a large serving platter and add enough of the melted broth to coat the bottom about ⅛ inch thick. Refrigerate until the broth is firm. Chill the remainder of the broth until it becomes syrupy.

Slice the meat about ¾ of an inch thick, then slice into large cubes. Arrange on the platter with the aspic, scattering the cooked carrot slices over the top; then spoon the jelly over the meat and vegetables, coating them well. Refrigerate until firm. Before serving, garnish the platter with bouquets of parsley or watercress.

Serve with a simple green salad, a light red wine, Beaujolais perhaps, or a Côte du Rhône, and French bread. Serves about 10 to 12.

*The calf's feet give you the gelatin needed to make the broth jelly.

Loin of Pork with Mustard Mayonnaise

One of our most delicious meats, pork is extremely good served cold.

5 pound loin of pork
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Thyme
2 cloves garlic, peeled and slivered

Have the butcher cut through the chine bone to make the roast easier to carve. Rub the fat side well with salt, pepper and thyme. Make eight to 10 gashes in the pork with a sharp-pointed knife and push a sliver of garlic into each one.

Place the meat on a rack in a roasting pan, fat side up, and roast uncovered in a preheated 350° oven about two hours (approximately 25 minutes per pound) or until a meat thermometer inserted in the fleshiest part of the meat (do not allow it to touch bone) registers 165° to 170°.

Cool at room temperature. Do not refrigerate. Serve with Mustard Mayonnaise and salad to six.

To make Mustard Mayonnaise: Stir 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard into 1 cup of homemade mayonnaise.

Cold Veal with Kidneys

- **1 3-pound rib roast of veal,* boned**
- **2 veal kidneys**
- **1 large clove garlic, peeled and slivered**

Salt
Freshly ground pepper
- **6 to 8 sprigs parsley, minced**
- **⅛ teaspoon thyme**
- **3 carrots, washed, coarsely chopped**
- **1 small yellow onion, peeled and coarsely chopped**
- **1 cup dry white wine**

Have the butcher give you the bones from the veal. Spread the meat flat and scatter the garlic over the surface. Then season well with salt and (*Recipes continued on page 78*)

COOKED TO SERVE COLD
AT A TIME THAT SUITS YOU

Cooking with Helen McCully

WINE VINTAGES of the 60s

...a decade of bottles that are great, near-great and not-so-great

By ROY ANDRIES de GROOT □ Some people seriously believe that the word vintage ought to be thrown out of the language of wine, that no figures of any single year should ever be printed on a wine label. They think that wine should be ordered, like a soft drink, by its trade name—so that once you know which kind you like, you should always be sure of getting the same flavor every time.

When I toured the French vineyards of the Rhône (as I reported in House Beautiful at the time), I discussed this point of view over a fabulous lunch with the largest and best-known of the Rhône producers, Marc Chapoutier. He said: "When I print a vintage year on my label, I put my business in the hands of you wine journalists. You may decide to write that it is a bad vintage year. Then I can't sell my wine, however much my particular bottles are above the general average. Also, perhaps, some of my wine may be too acid in one year, too sweet the next. Why can't I use my skill in blending the two wines and making something better than either of them—instead of being the helpless slave of the weather? From now on, I'm going to sell only non-vintage wines." He was, of course, partly right, and it's true that millions of gallons of blended, nonvintage wines of excellent quality are sold every year all over the world.

And yet . . . when I think back over all the wines I have tasted in my lifetime, when I study the history of wine of the last 200 years and especially when I remember the last decade from 1960 to 1970—there can be no doubt that the greatest wines have all been vintaged from the grapes of a single year. More than that, each has come from a particular vineyard, a single plot of good earth, in a particular place on the wine map. There is simply no exception to the most basic of all rules: The truly supreme wine involves the perfect combination of the right grape, growing in the right soil, with the right balance of rain and sunshine, harvested on the right day and with all the right decisions made by the wine master as to the crushing, the fermenting, the refining, the aging and the bottling. No wonder the making of a great vintage wine ranks as one of the most difficult of all jobs.

Why is the art of vintaging so important? On my latest visit to Bordeaux, I put this question to the man I consider to be one of the most brilliant of wine technicians, Jean-Paul Gardère, wine master of the most famous of all vineyards, Château Latour. He said: "Monsieur, when you look at a rainbow, you see that it has many brilliant and lovely colors, each capable of standing out on its own. But if you mix all those colors together, what do you get? A shade of dirty gray. It is the same with wine. Here at Château Latour, we have what I like to call a 'privileged piece of earth.' It produces a small quantity of wine, which is certainly better in some years than in others, but which always has a special and unique family character. Now if—God forbid—we would try to increase our output by blending this wine, even with the finest of our neighbor's, we would at once lose our Latour character. Even if we were to blend the wine of one of our own years with that of another of our own years, we would lose the vintage quality. Every year is different, because every summer the weather is different. That is why we have never made—and will never make—a Latour wine without a vintage date appearing on its label."

Burgundian wine masters follow the same rule. One of the noblest of their wines is called Le Chambertin. The expression simply means the field (*le champ*) of a farmer named Bertin. He tried planting vines in his field. The grapes grew magnificently and made a fabulous wine. When he planted vines in the next field, just over the stone wall, they made a wine only half as good. To this day, no one has been able to expand the great Le Chambertin vineyard beyond its original size. This is the mystery of wine. On one tiny plot of earth, the grapes grow perfectly and make an extraordinary wine. Just a hundred yards away, that magic will be missing—the results there merely ordinary.

Potentially "the best of the previous 100 years," the 1961 vintage hits 100% on this chart of Roy de Groot's evaluation of the French wines of the 1960s. In the article, he also answers the question about California vintages—and gives his choice of the best of the decade there.

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But 200 years ago, the art of making vintage wines was unknown. After each harvest, the new wine was shipped to retail merchants in porous wooden barrels that let in the vinegar bacteria. The wine had to be sold—and drunk—almost immediately. The first forward step was the discovery, in Portugal, that the soft, silient bark of the local cork-oak tree could be cut and rolled into stoppers for the bottles. But the air could still get in and form a bubble just below the cork, where the vinegar bacteria still thrived, souring the wine as fast as ever. Then a wine maker in Portugal had the brilliant idea of laying the bottle on its side, so the liquid would be up against the cork and seal out the air. That was impossible at first, because all the bottles had bulbously fat bellies. Gradually, over the next 20 years, the bottle shapes were changed, until there arrived the modern wine bottle, a straight cylinder that can be stacked in bins on its side, one on top of the other. It was the birth of the art of storing and aging vintage wines.

The idea of the new bottle spread quickly to Bordeaux and was first tried by Joseph Vanlerberghe, owner of Château Lafite before the Rothschilds bought it. The first truly great vintage of modern times was the 1811 Lafite—so powerful that it lasted, in its dusty bottles in the cellars of the château, for 115 years. In 1926, Baron de Rothschild gave a party in the cellar for 300 people to open and drink the last bottles of the 1811 vintage. Since then, great vintages have followed each other at a rough average of once every 10 years. A few of them remain in virtually priceless bottles in the private cellars of connoisseur collectors.

But what about the vintages that are still available today? It seems to me that 1972 is a good time to look back over the decade of the 60s. The finest wines of 1971 and 1970 are still too young for us to know for sure whether they will be princes or paupers. But the wines of the 60s are now old enough to have shown us some of their qualities of character. The story of the 60s really begins in 1956, probably the most dreadful year in modern wine history. During the spring, Europe froze under subzero temperatures and massive ice storms. Across thousands of acres of France, the vines were killed (and when a vineyard loses its vines, it takes seven to 10 years before new plants can be grown and brought back into production). That year, there was virtually no wine of any quality. It has been called "the vintage that never was." For the next two years, those vines that were still alive were slowly struggling back to health and strength. Then came the superb summer of 1959, with almost perfect weather everywhere in Europe. The wine industry, down on its knees, thanked its lucky stars and began trumpeting all over the world the inevitable cry of "the vintage of the century." That was an exaggeration. Because everyone needed money, these wines were sold too soon and drunk too young. We won't really know the score of 1959 until 1979.

Such was the atmosphere in the spring of 1960, at the opening of the new decade: a mixture of desperation, exaggeration and a painful return to reality. After the wild claims for 1959, 1960 could hardly be anything but a letdown. The weather was fairly good until September, when heavy rains came at precisely the wrong time. The wines turned out fair to mediocre, quite light, and they matured very quickly. No 1960 bottle would be a very safe buy today. If you do happen to find a fair Bordeaux château or a red Rhône wine from the southern vineyards around Avignon, count yourself lucky and drink this wine right away.

Then came the fantastic summer of 1961, and all the troubles of the European wine industry disappeared as if by magic. No doubt about it, it is a supremely great vintage—potentially, perhaps, the best of the previous 100 years. Yet it has not been promoted as much as the 1959. This is partly because the wine growers were afraid of overselling themselves a second time and partly because the supply of the 1961 was not very large, with the connoisseurs buying it up very quickly. It is certainly the greatest vintage of the 60s.

But let me make something clear about the phrase "supremely great." It does not mean that the wine is supremely great on the day it is bottled, or even 10 years later. It means that the experts believe that it will be supremely great when it reaches its peak of development. The great red wines of 1961 are still far from their peak. They are still full of bitter tannin, still hard and mouth-puckering. I do not think they will be at their best until about 1981. If you want a very fine red wine for a dinner party tomorrow night, I would advise you to buy not a bottle of 1961 but a bottle of 1967, which is a much less great wine but much more ready to drink. I believe that if you were blindfolded and asked to taste the 1961 alongside the 1967 today, you would prefer the 1967. When talking about a "great wine," you should always ask the question: "When will it reach its peak of greatness?"

The supreme, châteaux-bottled 1961 red wines of Bordeaux are not yet truly ready to drink and will go on improving until 1985. The magnificent red Burgundies should reach their peak around 1980. The great 1961 red Rhône wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Hermitage will continue to rise in quality until 1975, when they will level off but remain magnificent for many years. I suspect that some of us will still be drinking the 1961 reds at the turn of the century in the year 2000.

After the fantastic peak of 1961, there was no place to go but down. If '61 was 100%, I would rate '62 at 75%. This means that some 1962 wines, at quite reasonable prices, are well worth collecting. The weather came in blocks that spring. There was copious rain in the spring and then two months of fierce heat. So the grapes developed somewhat too quickly and made wines that were good but were not great.

1963 was the stinker of the decade. The less said about it the better. One Burgundian wine maker said, "When we get a great year like '61, we say, 'Look at the wine we made.' But when a year like 1963 comes along, we say, 'Look at the wine the Good Lord sent us.'"

There was heavy rain through the spring and summer, then it was too hot and dry, then there were cold spells (Text continues. See "And California, too," Page Contents)

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A CHEERFUL KITCHEN AT THE HEART OF IT



Editor: NANCY CRAIG □ A kitchen is often the hub of the house, but it takes on special jobs in this year-round house in Vermont resort country. Here, it was planned to border on all daily activity centers, making it a more useful, used area itself. A serving passageway and a door (*above*) lead to the dining room (*below center and far right*). Flanking that are the living room and a large sitting/playroom. This informal space, separated from the kitchen by only a breakfast table (*above*), is where the two daughters of the family spend many of their indoor hours and includes a sewing nook for their mother. Although the kitchen is in the middle of active living areas, Architect Andrew Shapiro has designed it so there are as few visual obstructions to the mountain view as possible. Only one end has an unbroken wall. A window wall above the sink looks directly outdoors, and on the other two sides there are clear views through the large picture windows in the dining and sitting rooms. This limited wall space does pose certain storage problems, but these have been cleverly taken care of. Under the range (*above*), you'll see a deep cabinet. And part of the counter in the corner (*inset, above center*) is a niche reserved for bulky appliances. Folding doors hide them when they're not in use, leaving plenty of counter to work on. Interior Designer Nephele Riley has used bright yellow and orange vinyl wallpaper on walls, folding doors and some of the cabinets as easy-clean accents. Other surfaces and cabinets are in color-coordinated Formica, all sunny lifts.

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ARCHITECTS' SPACE SOLUTION: A KITCHEN IN A CUBE

That handsome cube in the picture above *is*—would you believe?—the kitchen. In remodeling a New York townhouse for Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gewirtz, Architects Edelman and Salzman kept the main living area open, one end to the other. A skylight and plenty of windows let the space expand visually. Not wanting appliances and the necessary kitchen paraphernalia to break up this illusion of space, they enclosed the sides of the food preparation center in smooth, dark-stained birch. An open top (*right*) adds air above. How convenient is it, what with steaming pots and space limitations? It works beautifully. A strong ventilator system sucks up odors before they can travel; the perennial storage dilemma was solved with rows of birch cabinets facing the kitchen (*at left in photo above*). Inside, there is plenty of room for all of the appliances, including a dishwasher. Butcher-block counters and more quarry tile flooring maintain the fresh look of the natural materials used everywhere.

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FOOD & DRINK

NOBODY EVER TELLS YOU THESE THINGS

By HELEN McCULLY

Can you freeze fresh sweet cherries?

Yes. The Washington State Fruit Commission says there are three ways: *Whole with stems:* Pack washed fresh sweet cherries with stems intact in freezer containers. Shake containers to pack cherries closely. Cover tightly and freeze; *Syrup pack:* Boil 1 cup sugar with 2 cups water until sugar dissolves. Refrigerate until cold. It takes ½ cup to ⅔ cup of syrup for each pint (2 cups) of cherries. Stir in ½ teaspoon of lemon juice for each quart of cherries. Pour ½ cup of the ice-cold syrup into the container. Fill half-full with pitted fresh sweet cherries. Shake container to pack fruit as closely as possible without crushing. Fill container with more cherries, leaving ½-inch to ¾-inch headroom. Add more syrup if the cherries are not completely covered. Crumple up a piece of foil and place on top, pressing it down to hold the cherries under the syrup. Cover tightly and freeze; *Dry sugar pack:* Fill freezer containers with pitted or unpitted fresh sweet cherries. Shake container to pack cherries down. Pour ⅓ cup sugar over each pint. Cover tightly and freeze. Sweet cherries are in season from the middle of June through early August.

When are fresh blueberries in season?

Beginning in May and through the first of September. Occasionally, a few wild low-bush berries come on the market from Maine and eastern Canada about the middle of August through the middle of September. Canned blueberries packed in syrup and blueberry pie filling are always available, as well as frozen blueberries, either in sweetened syrup or in a dry pack (unsweetened). Other blueberry products include: preserves, ice cream and sherbet, cake, muffin and pancake mixes, coffee cakes and even blueberry wines (blueberry Champagne and Blueberry Duck are two examples of these).

Why do you add salt and cream of tartar to egg whites?

We've been puzzled by this question, too, since recipes are inclined to vary. So we queried McCormick & Co. This firm's scientists have told us that the addition of a big pinch of salt helps to make the foam, which, in turn, helps the whipping performance. Cream of tartar is also used for the same purpose but, in addition, strengthens the "walls" of the beaten whites. You should allow no more than ⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar per egg white. The use of both salt and cream of tartar results in better and stronger whipped whites.

Are there any rice flours other than white?

Yes. Mrs. Marion N. Wood, author of *Gourmet Food on a Wheat-Free Diet,* writes there is another rice flour, whole brown rice flour, plus rice polish and rice bran, which are also considered rice flours. White rice flour is more granular than whole brown rice flour or rice polish. Mrs. Wood also tells us that corn and soya flours can be used as supplements to the rice flours. As we have remarked before, these types of flours are of particular interest to people who cannot tolerate grains such as wheat, rye, barley and oats—a workable alternative.

Is catfish a salt-water or fresh-water fish?

Fresh-water. Extremely popular in the southeastern and midwestern parts of the United States and because they are so popular catfish are now being raised in pond "farms" situated as far west as California.

Is there an easy way to soften brown sugar?

We've just learned from our English friend, José Wilson, that if you place the hardened sugar in a bowl and place a dishcloth wrung out in cold water right on top, the sugar will return to its natural soft shape. You may find it necessary to do this several times. What must be obvious is that the sugar gradually absorbs the moisture from the towel. Store in a tightly covered jar. This method of softening sugar is an improvement over any other method we have heard about.■

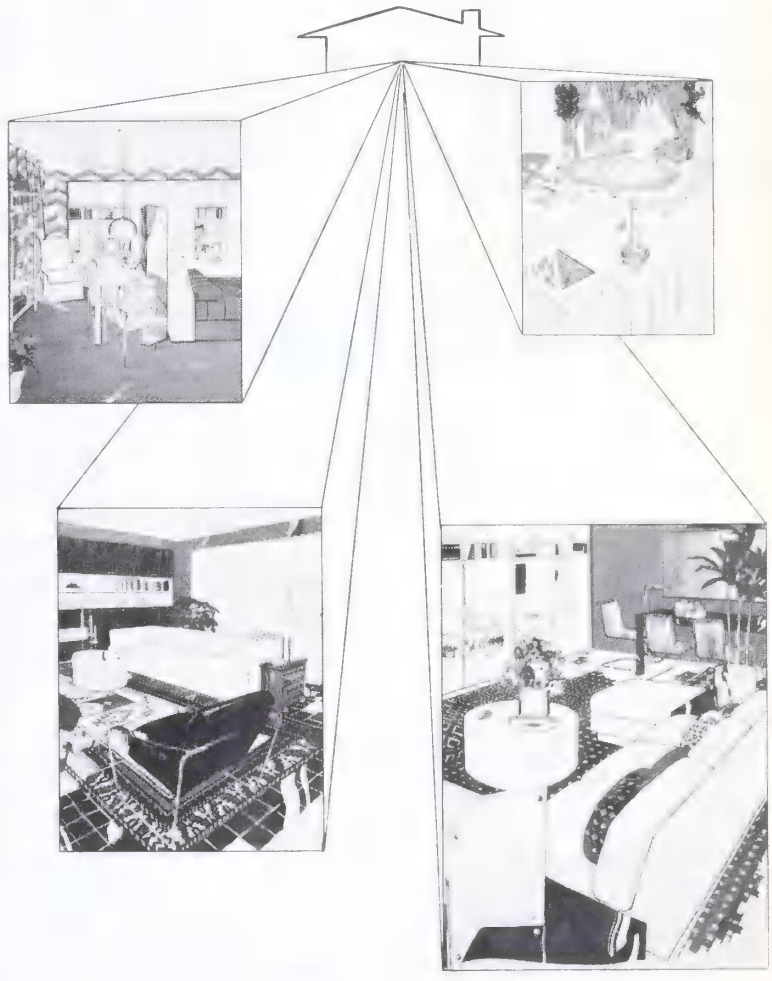
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and storms. As a result (speaking generally, of course), I rate the 1963 vintage at about 35%. If you should happen upon a fair bottle of red Bordeaux or Burgundy of that infamous year, drink it now—or never.

1964 and 1966 can be roughly grouped together, since they do share many of the same general qualities. I consider them to be the best current hunting grounds if one is looking for fine-to-great red wines with which to stock a home cellar. I rate the two years equally (and in general) at about 90%. The great red chateaux-bottled Bordeaux are a bit patchy, and many are not quite ready. (Incidentally, Baron de Rothschild has been quoted as saying: "Only a barbarian would drink my 1964 Château Lafite before 1976.") I believe that the best of the red Burgundies will reach their peak qualities between 1975 and 1982. The red Rhône wines are rich and will go on improving until 1977. The 1966 great white Burgundies are sublime now—almost as good as 1961—the Alsatian whites splendid now, too. The best white wines of Germany are excellent and fruity, with steady improvement, I believe, until about 1975. In Italy, there were outstanding vintages of Chianti Classico and of the Northern Piedmont wines, especially Barbaresco, Barolo and Valpolicella. In Spain, there were fine vintages among the red Rioja "Reservas" (better reds made with aging in mind).

1965 and 1968 can be lumped together as thoroughly poor vintage years, although not quite as stinking as 1963. They were cold and wet summers and, as one Burgundian put it to me: "Our wines are best drunk and forgotten." I thought—but did not say out loud: "Or not drunk at all." But that is a cruel thought, because even in the poorest years, there are always some vintners who are lucky and manage to make excellent wines that are later sold at bargain prices.

1967 was the standard model of the medium year—where there was no set pattern of weather or growing conditions, where everything was patchy all over the place. Local weather—a spring frost here, hail storms there, a September downpour somewhere else—played the leading role in deciding whether the wine was good or poor. 1967 is remarkable for its chateaux-bottled red Bordeaux, especially of the Graves and Médoc districts. As I said above, these are perfectly balanced for drinking now and, because they are lesser vintages, they have developed quickly and are relatively less expensive. I have especially enjoyed the Château Palmer, Château La Mission Haut Brion, Château Léoville-Las-Cases and Château Lynch-Bages from 1967.

I wish I could say that the decade ended on a top note. Of course, as to the noble red wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy, there has not yet been enough time to find out whether we have a new team of race horses, one of which may win the Kentucky Derby, or merely some work horses to ease our daily burdens. My impression, though, is that 1969 is going to be a very fine vintage, perhaps somewhere between 1966 and 1967, with a general rating of, say, 85%. The wines, I predict, will ultimately be almost-great—the joys of 1969 are still in the future.

So far, I have dealt only with Europe. One of the extraordinary developments of the decade of the 60s—and a matter of great importance to all American wine lovers—is what I call the explosion of quality in our own California wines. The Pacific Coast vineyards now make up a wine region that is one of the largest and most productive in the world, and the majority of its wines compete virtually on equal terms with the imported bottles. No wine connoisseur, naturally, would be rash enough to suggest that any winemaker, either in California or anywhere else, can produce a wine that competes with the supremely great chateau-bottled "first-growth" reds of Bordeaux with the "Head of the Vintage" Domaine-bottled reds and whites of Burgundy or the Schloss and top-estate whites of Germany. These are the giants and they are beyond competition. But they make up much less than 1% of the wines of the world and, as to the other 99%, California is now among the leaders.

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of the last 10 years? I put this question to the man who speaks for the California wine industry, Harry G. Serlis, president of The Wine Institute in San Francisco. He said: "The main factors, I believe, are the continual improvement of our California grape varieties and the remarkable advances in technology achieved by our vintners. Better wine starts with better grapes. We started here in California 200 years ago with the noble vines brought by our pioneers from Europe. Since then, our brilliant plant biologists have continuously adapted these varieties to our California growing conditions and have meticulously mapped the land where each particular grape variety grows best. Thousands of acres have been replanted with the finest wine vines. Tens of thousands of new acres have been brought into fine wine production with top-quality varietal grapes. At the same time, our vintners have developed new techniques for better conversion of the grape juice into wine, for better aging and blending, so that we have continuously improved the complexity and interest of our wines in terms of bouquet, taste and texture. To put it simply, our California vintners now know better what to do to achieve top quality in their wine. This is the secret of our progress during the decade of the 60s."

Are there vintage years in California? Many West Coast wine men argue that their weather is so steadily good that dating of vintage labels is unnecessary. But Dr. Harold Berg, chairman of the department of wine research at the University of California and the man I consider the top technical expert on California wine, says: "Certainly, there are vintage years in California. Our weather, of course, does not vary as much as it does in Europe, but we can still have a difference of as much as 30% in the quality of our wines as between one year and another. I would also say that, in general, a California wine with a vintage year printed on the label is likely to be a substantially better wine than its nonvintaged counterpart. The main factor that makes the difference between one year and another is the degree of heat and sunshine during the growing season, from April to October—especially during the key maturing months of August and September. What our vintners need is a steady, average temperature without extremes of cold or heat. We simply do not get these ideal conditions every year. That is why there can be (and should be) a vintage chart for California wines."

So I set about making my own California vintage chart. Obviously, in that enormous state, there are wide variations of weather, from the temperate, ocean mist-laden valleys north of San Francisco Bay to the almost tropical, semidesert lands on the Mexican border. The very large wine producers, who grow their grapes in many different areas, clearly do not feel the vintage differences as much as the small producers of extremely high-quality wines, each made almost entirely from a single grape type. I talked to several of these hard-working, idealistic men, including Fred McCrea, owner of the famous Stony Hill vineyard, and Joe Heitz, one of the leading small producers in the Napa Valley. And from their recollections and recommendations, I put together the following California vintage notes for the 1960s:

1960, as in Europe, was a below-average year. Late spring frosts were followed by excessive heat in June and July. The harvest was only about half the normal and the quality of the wines was not outstanding.

1961, instead of being the supremely great year that it was in Europe, was a disastrously unlucky year. Late spring frosts were followed by June days when the temperature rose above 106°. The tender green vine shoots, held back by the late frosts, were burnt off, and the result was California's smallest crop in 20 years.

1962 was a year, of course, in which the vines were slowly recuperating from all their agonies of the previous year. They grew and strengthened steadily through the summer, but then, in the middle of the harvest in the Napa Valley, 10 inches of rain fell in one week and the Semillon grapes turned brown and developed the so-called "noble rot," which in the Sauternes district of Bordeaux produces the great sweet wines. Thus, in California, in 1962, Louis Martini was able to pluck success out of disaster and produce a vintage sweet Semillon that was to become one of the most memorable wines of the decade.

1963 was an inferior year in California, as in Europe. An exceptionally cold August and September led to a late harvest; fall rains came (Continued)

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pepper. Sprinkle parsley and thyme over all. Trim off most of the fat from the kidneys. Then lay them across the meat, ends touching. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roll the meat up lengthwise and tie with string at 1½-inch intervals. Make sure the ends are secure so the kidneys don't pop out. (It may be necessary to use toothpicks and string.) Sprinkle the meat with salt and pepper.

Place the veal in a heavy casserole just large enough to hold it comfortably. Surround it with the meat bones, the carrots and onion. Add the wine and 1 cup of cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover tightly and place in a preheated 350° oven for 1½ to two hours or until a meat thermometer registers 160°. Take the meat out of the broth and cool. When cold, wrap in Saran and refrigerate. Place the casserole over a high heat for 20 to 25 minutes to reduce the stock. Strain into a small bowl. Refrigerate. When cold, remove and discard the fat that has risen to the surface. Pour the jellied stock into a saucepan and melt. When melted, pour into a small square or oblong pan. Refrigerate until firm. At serving time, cut into small diamonds or squares.

To serve, carve the veal in thin slices and surround with the jelly. Serve with salad to 10 or 12 people.

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Cold Poached Salmon with Green Mayonnaise

1 4- to 5-pound piece fresh salmon

Court bouillon:

- 2 quarts water
- 2 cups dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 3 or 4 stalks parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 1 yellow onion, cut in half, stuck with 2 or 3 cloves
- 2 ribs celery, coarsely chopped
- 1 or 2 carrots, washed and coarsely chopped
- 5 to 6 peppercorns

Ask your fish man to give you a piece of salmon that is cut from the center of the fish.

To make the court bouillon: Combine all ingredients in a large heavy kettle (not aluminum because foods cooked with wine tend to discolor in aluminum). Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook for one hour.

Tie up the fish (it should be at room temperature) in a piece of cheesecloth with long ends. This is advisable so it can be lifted easily from the hot liquid.

When the court bouillon has cooked the required length of time, add the fish to the kettle (*see note below*). Once the liquid comes to a boil again, reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook 10 minutes per inch. If, for example, the salmon measures two inches in depth at the thickest point (don't guess, measure with a ruler), simmer it a total of 20 minutes. Once the fish is cooked, lift from the liquid immediately to a pan to catch all the juices. Properly cooked, the fish will flake. That is, the flesh separates when probed with a fork and falls easily into its natural divisions.

To skin the salmon (cold salmon is always skinned) place on several layers of newspaper to absorb the liquid. Untie the cheesecloth and leave the fish lying on top of it. Now, taking great care not to break the flesh, peel off the skin. Then, with a small, dull knife, gently scrape off the gray flesh under the skin. With the aid of the cheesecloth, roll the fish over and skin the second side. Once skinned, seal all the surfaces with Saran wrap to keep the salmon moist and to prevent its turning dark.

To present the salmon, place on a suitable platter large enough to hold it comfortably and garnish with bouquets of watercress, stuffed eggs, cherry tomatoes and lemon slices. Serve this dish with Green Mayonnaise to eight.

WINE

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too soon. The late-picked Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were soaked, and consequently the red Cabernet wines were light—but with a good character.

1964 was the first vintage of the California decade that produced red wines of exceptional cellar-keeping quality. In some ways, it matched the 1964 European vintage. Heavy spring frosts cut the harvest almost in half, but the smaller quantity of wine seemed to be a concentration of the best qualities. A few of them are still available and are excellent.

1965 was another good year—with a fine summer and a dry, warm harvest. The best reds have improved with age and are now excellent.

1966 was another good year. The best red Cabernets were less delicate than in 1965, but bolder, bigger, more gutsy, with plenty of tannin to insure their keeping qualities. They are still fine, and they will keep for two or three years longer.

1967—again good. The wines are lighter with a bit less alcohol, less tannin and the color slightly less deep and rich. Good wines, but not big, fat ones—they can be drunk now but will improve with a year or two of keeping.

1968 turned out to be the greatest vintage of the California decade. Some big, powerful white wines were made from the Pinot Chardonnay grape—the famous white grape of Burgundy, which grows wonderfully in California—and were fully the equals of some of the best wines of the Burgundian Côte d'Or. The 1968 Pinot Chardonnay made by Joe Heitz seemed to be filled with the aroma of mountain flowers and was, to me, another memorable wine. Some of the reds were magnificent, but few are left outside private cellars of connoisseurs.

1969, the last vintage of the decade, was an early-maturing year, with the harvest in September. The grapes had plenty of sugar and the wines were beautifully balanced. The best will keep for several more years. Again, the very rare "noble rot" developed in a small area of Johannisberg Riesling grapes in the Arroyo Secco vineyard of Karl Wente, and because of this, he was able to make a German-style Spätlese, a delicately sweet wine, that was one more taste to remember.

To sum up, 1968 was the best California vintage of the decade, with 1965, 1966 and 1969 as the runners-up. But only the best red wines of the top vintages. They can be counted on to improve, in both quality and value, by about 5% for each year that you keep them. As to California grape varieties that keep best, they are the Cabernet Sauvignon, the Petite Sirah and the Zinfandel.

The joy of a home wine cellar is that it can extend the vinous delights of the decade of the 60s into the 70s and 80s. Some people keep photo albums. Others file away the tape recordings. For me, a glass of wine can equally revive memories of past pleasures.

*Note: If there is not sufficient liquid to cover the salmon completely, add boiling water.

Blender Green Mayonnaise

20 spinach leaves
2 whole eggs
¾ teaspoon dry mustard
¾ teaspoon salt
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
4 tablespoons minced chives
½ cup watercress leaves, coarsely chopped
½ cup parsley sprigs, coarsely chopped
2 teaspoons dried tarragon or 1 heaping tablespoon fresh, chopped
2 cups vegetable oil

Rip the ribs from the spinach leaves and chop coarsely. Place in the container of an electric blender with all the remaining ingredients and ¼ cup of the oil. Cover. Turn the motor to high. Immediately remove the cover and quickly add the remaining oil in a slow, steady stream. Turn off the motor once all the oil has been added. Makes about 2½ cups.

Terrine of Pheasant

With a salad, this pâté makes a delicious summer meal.

1 4- to 5-pound ready-to-cook pheasant or duck, thawed if frozen
1 cup Madeira or dry sherry
½ teaspoon dried thyme
2 bay leaves, chopped fine
Small pinch freshly grated nutmeg
1½ tablespoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper
½ pound ground lean veal
1½ pounds ground lean pork
2 tablespoons chopped raw pistachio nuts
¾ pound fresh pork fat, sliced
1 envelope unflavored gelatin

Once thawed, remove the giblets from the bird. Discard the gizzard. Set aside the liver, neck and heart.

Bone the bird, cutting off the breast and leg meat in as large pieces as possible. As you work, discard all fat and skin. Pick off all the bits and pieces of meat. Reserve the bones.

Place all the pheasant or duck meat, the heart and the liver in a plastic bag with all remaining ingredients except the ground veal, pork, nuts, pork fat and gelatin. Place in a pan or bowl, in case the bag leaks, and refrigerate about eight hours or overnight, turning the bag whenever you think of it so the meat is well marinated.

Strain the marinade through a sieve lined with two or three layers of dampened cheesecloth and mix thoroughly with the ground meats and pistachios.

Grind any small bits of meat from the pheasant or duck, along with the liver and heart, through the meat grinder, using the finest blade. Combine thoroughly with meat mixture.

Line the bottom and sides of a six- to- eight-cup ovenproof oblong dish or a bread pan with the pork fat. Spoon half the mixture into the dish, spreading it evenly. Arrange the large pieces of meat on top and add the remainder of the meat mixture. Smooth the top and pack it down firmly. Cover with strips of the pork fat.

Seal tightly with double-duty foil or two sheets of regular foil. If the dish has a lid, place it on top of the foil. Place in a roasting pan and add enough boiling water to reach to half the depth of the baking dish. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for one hour and 30 minutes. The terrine is cooked when it has shrunk from the sides of the pan and the surrounding juices and fat are clear yellow without any traces of pink. Refrigerate. When cold, pour off all the juices and wrap the pâté in foil. Refrigerate again.

While the pâté is baking, place all the bones from the bird, along with the neck, in a heavy saucepan with 1 yellow onion, quartered (no need to peel), 1 coarsely chopped carrot, ½ teaspoon dried thyme and 1 bay leaf. Cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook for about three hours. Strain into a bowl through a sieve lined with dampened cheesecloth. Refrigerate. When cold, lift off and discard fat.

Pour the liquid (it will have jellied somewhat) into a saucepan. Sprinkle with the gelatin and place over a low heat until it has melted and the gelatin has dissolved.

Pour a thin layer into an oblong dish that will just accommodate the pâté. Refrigerate until sticky to touch. Place the pâté in the dish and pour the remaining aspic over all. Refrigerate until set.

To serve, turn out on a platter and garnish with a bouquet of parsley or watercress. Serve with salad, French bread and a wine such as rosé or Beaujolais. Serves six.

Cold Rock Lobster Tails with Sauce Rémouade

Allow two three-ounce tails per person and cook them from the frozen state.

Bring a large kettle of salted water to a rolling boil. Add the lobster tails. When the water comes to a boil again, reduce heat somewhat, set your timer or your watch and cook exactly three minutes. Do not overcook or you will have tough meat.

Once the tails are cooked, drain immediately and cool under cold running water to stop them from cooking.

To separate the meat from the shell, use heavy scissors to cut away entirely the membrane on the underside. Push your fingers between the shell and meat at the heavy end of the tail and work the meat loose from the shell. Then, place the meat back in the shell. Do not refrigerate since lobster meat tastes its best at room temperature.

To serve, place two shells on a dinner plate and garnish with a parsley or watercress.

Sauce Rémoulade

To 1½ cups mayonnaise (your own or commercial), add 1 generous teaspoon Dijon mustard, 2 tablespoons each of chopped gherkins, well-drained capers, parsley, fresh tarragon (if not fresh, 1 teaspoon dried) and a "whisper" of anchovy paste. Seal with plastic wrap and allow to mellow a few hours. ■

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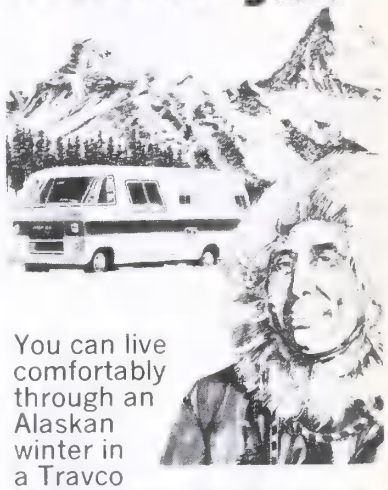
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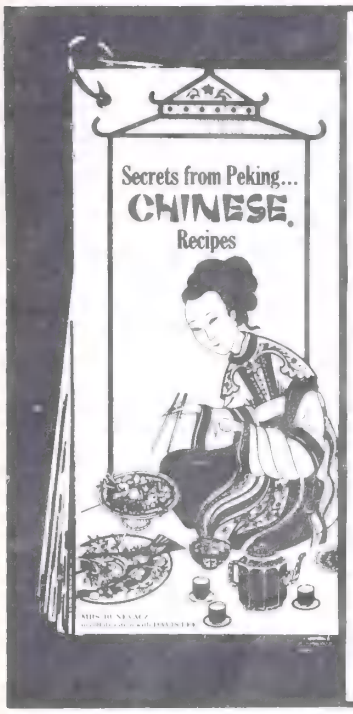
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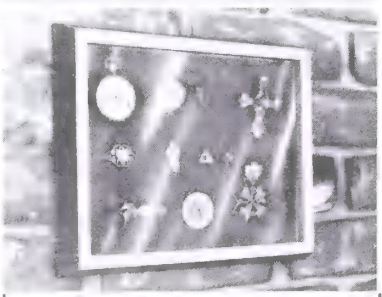


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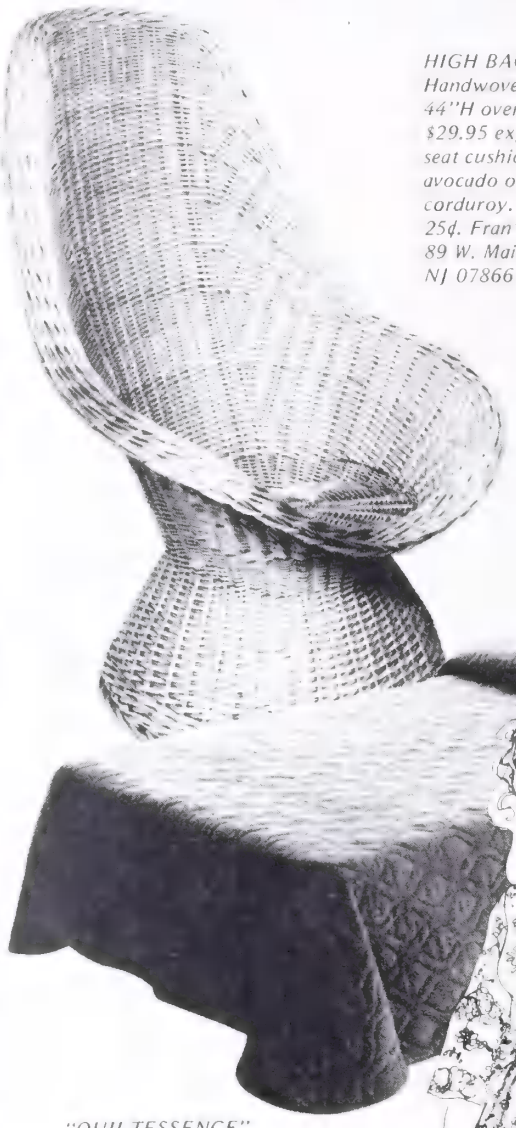
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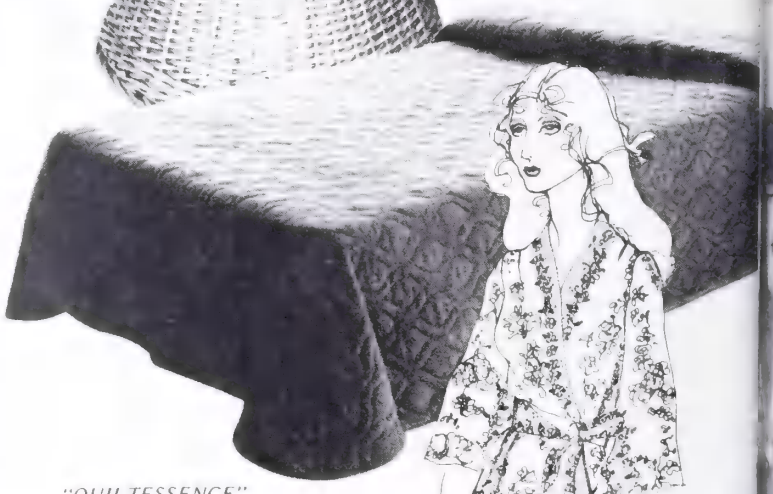
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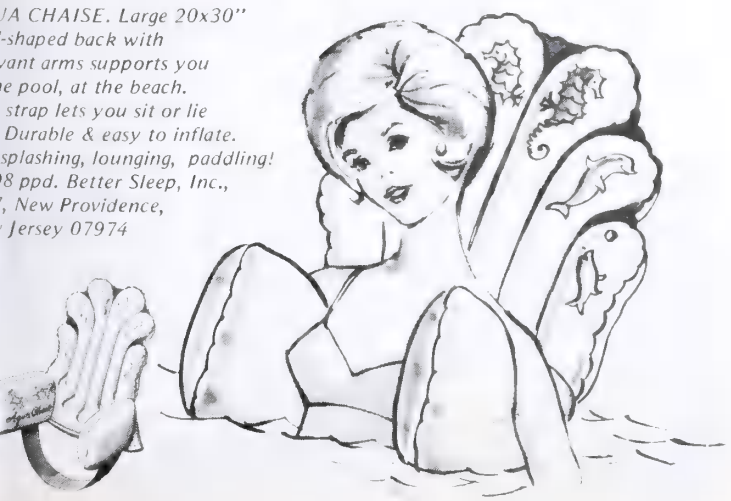


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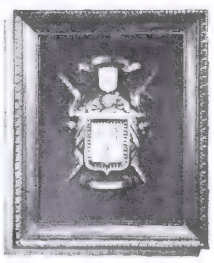
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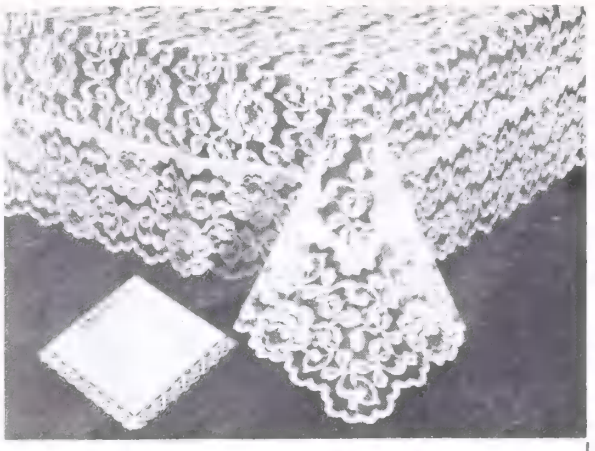
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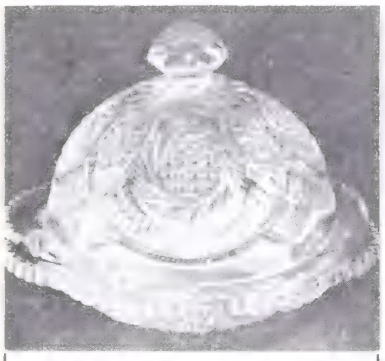
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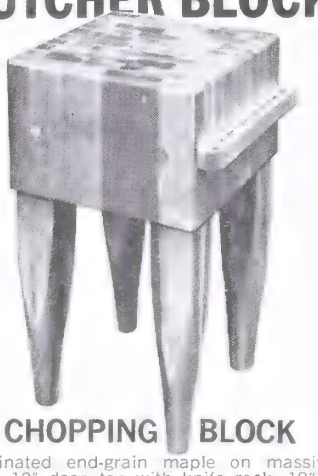
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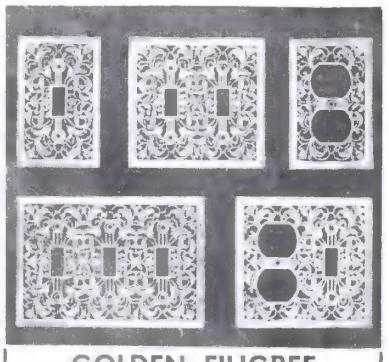
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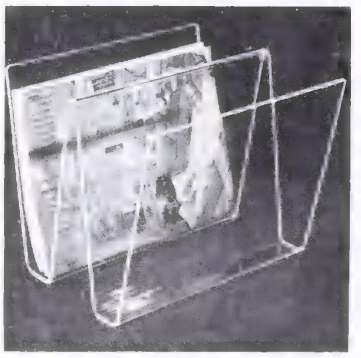
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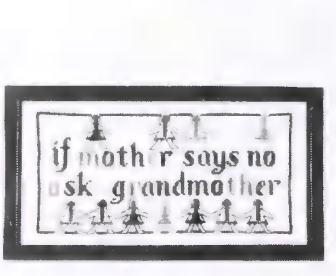
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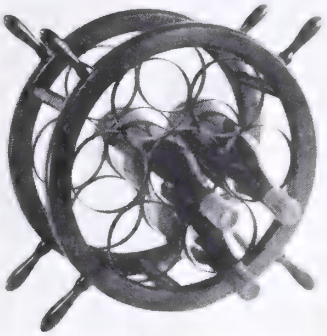
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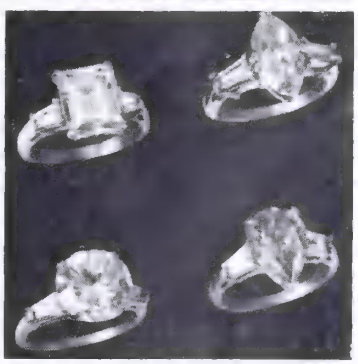
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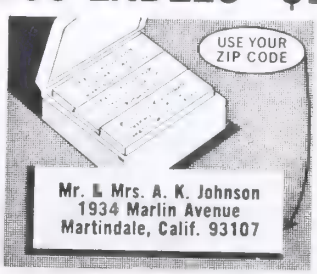


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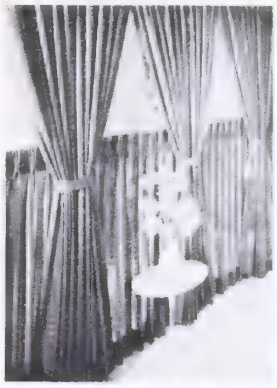


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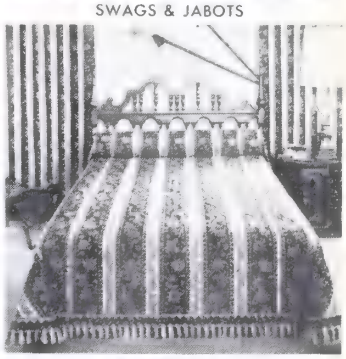
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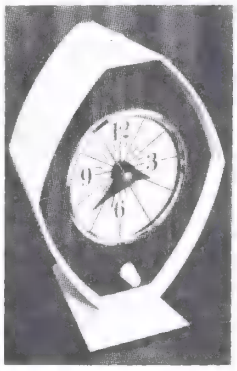
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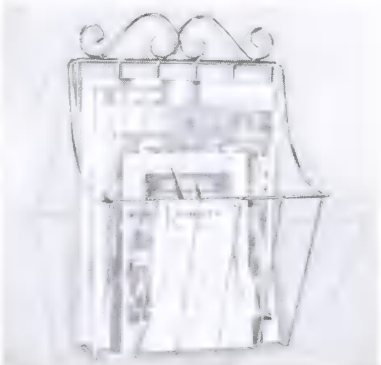
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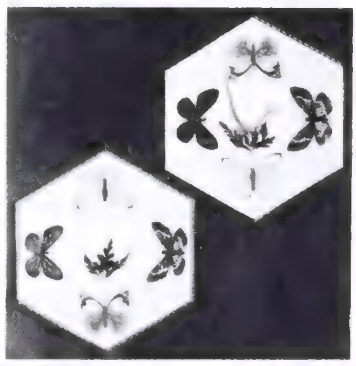
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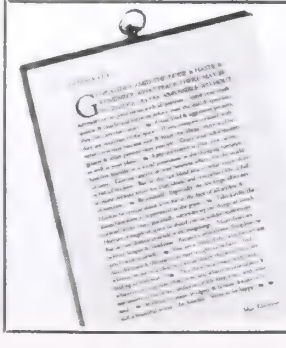
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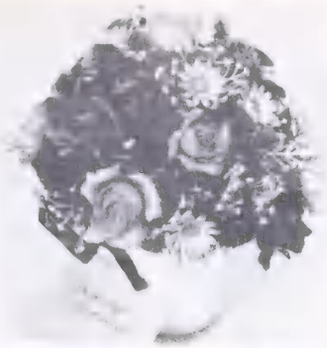


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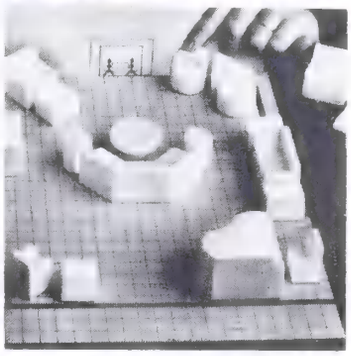
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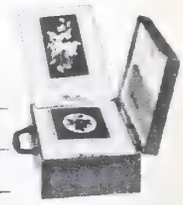
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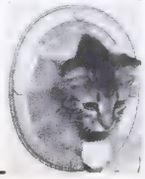


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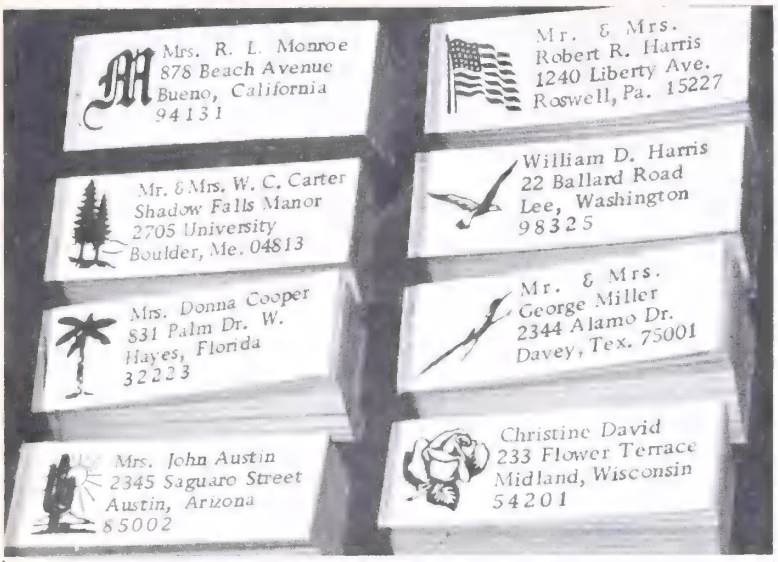
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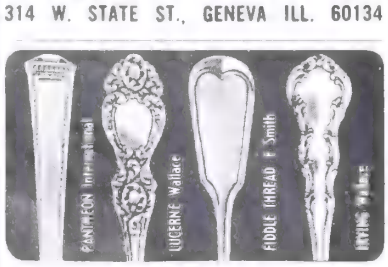
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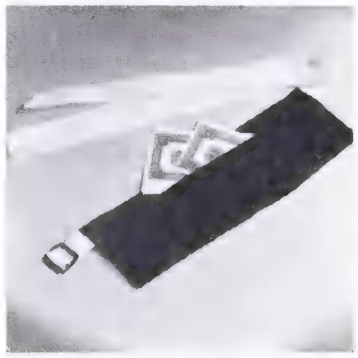
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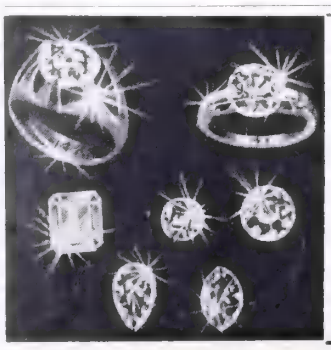
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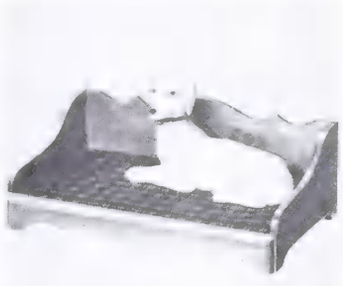
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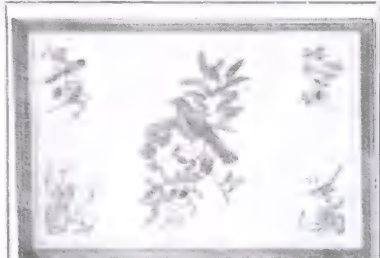
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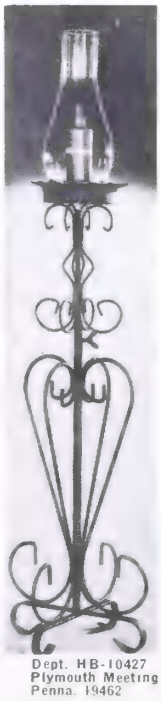
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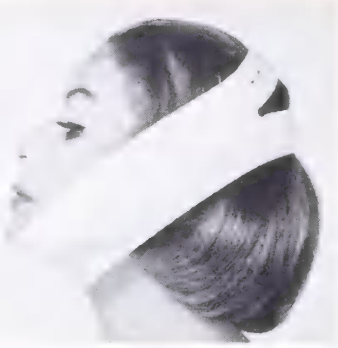
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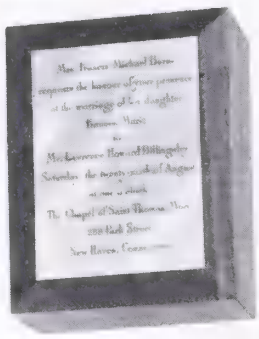


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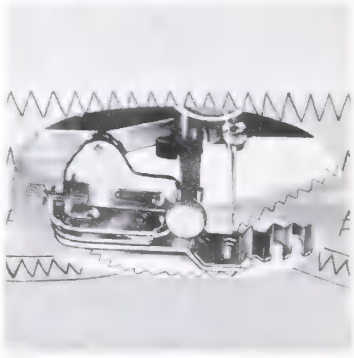
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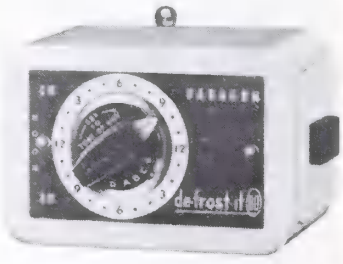
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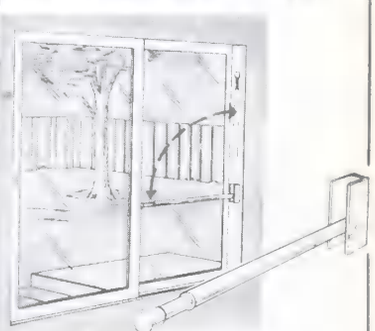
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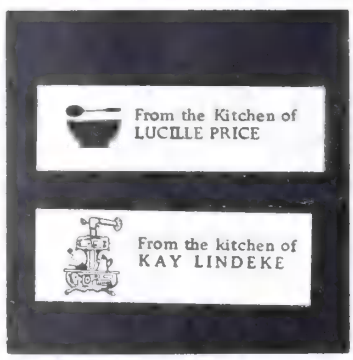
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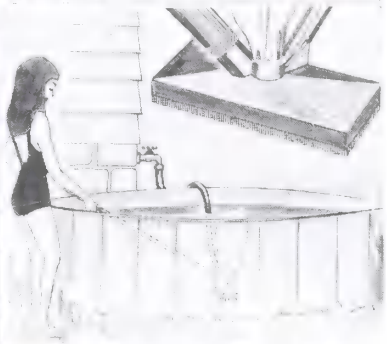
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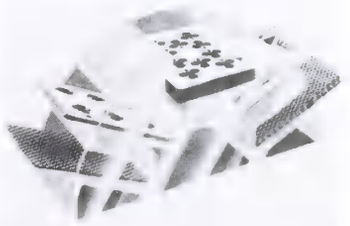
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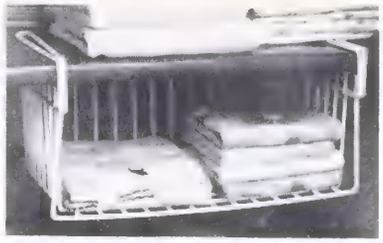


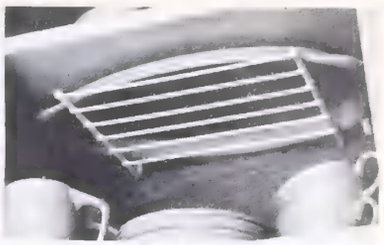
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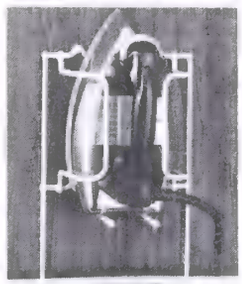


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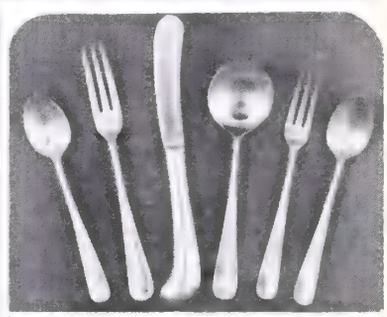
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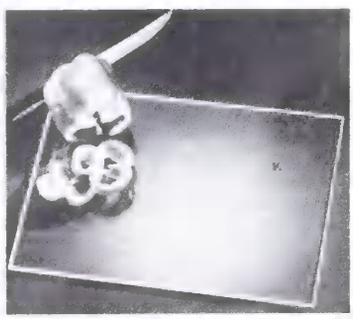
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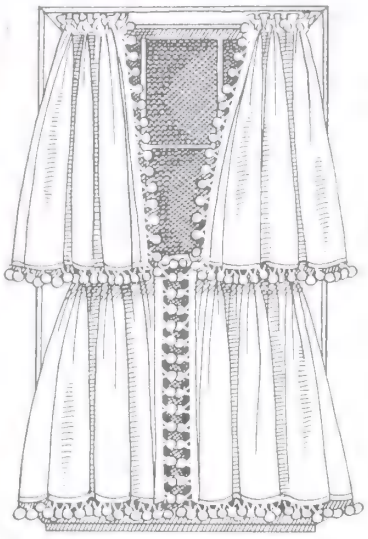
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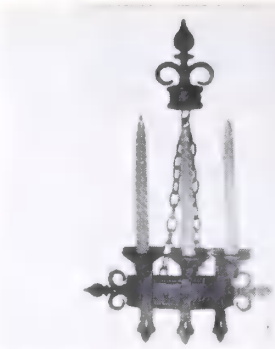
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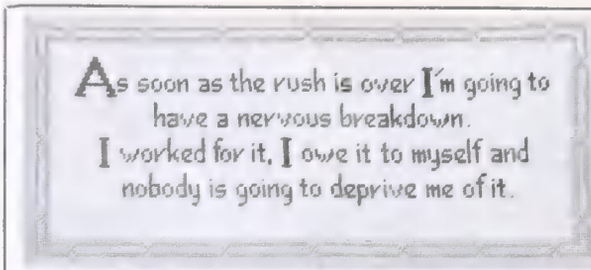


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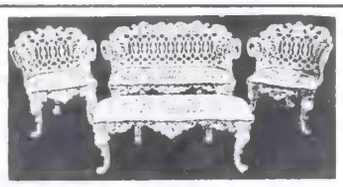


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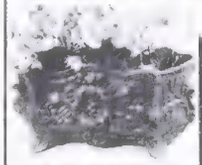
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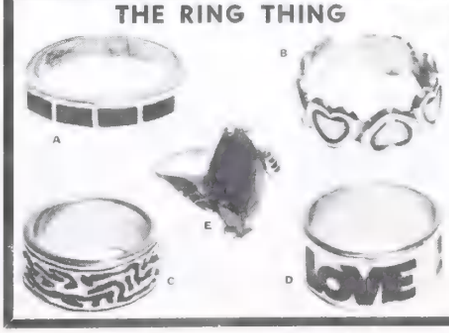
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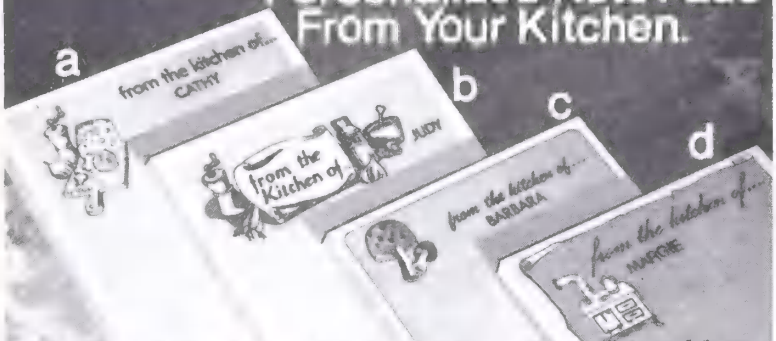
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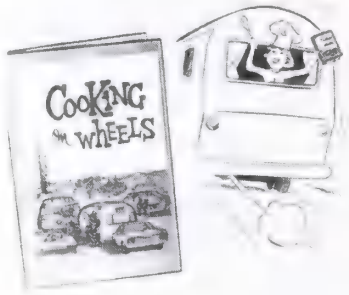
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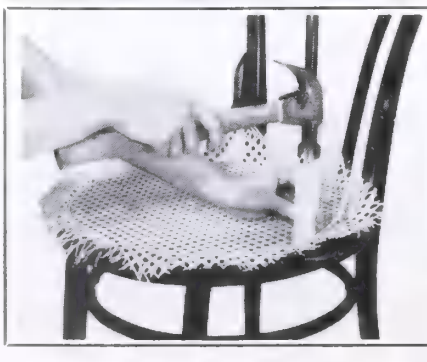
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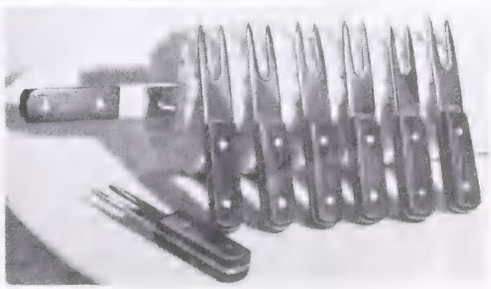
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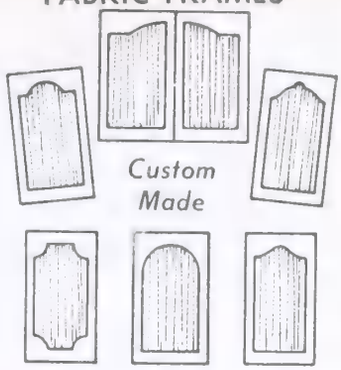
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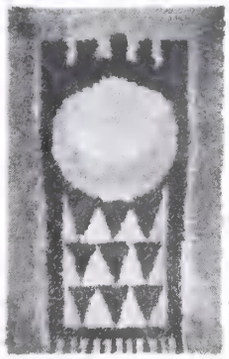
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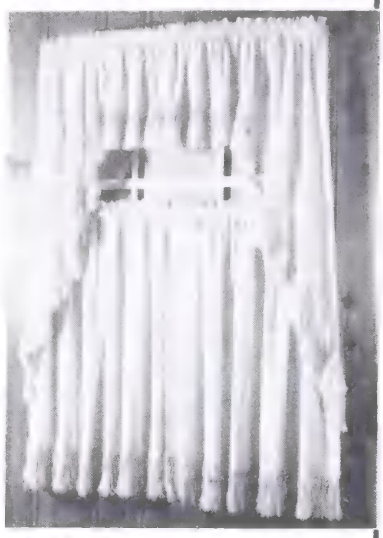
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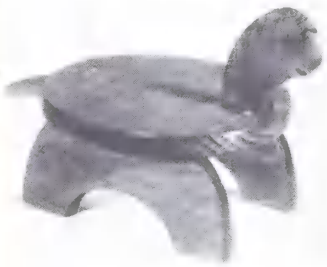
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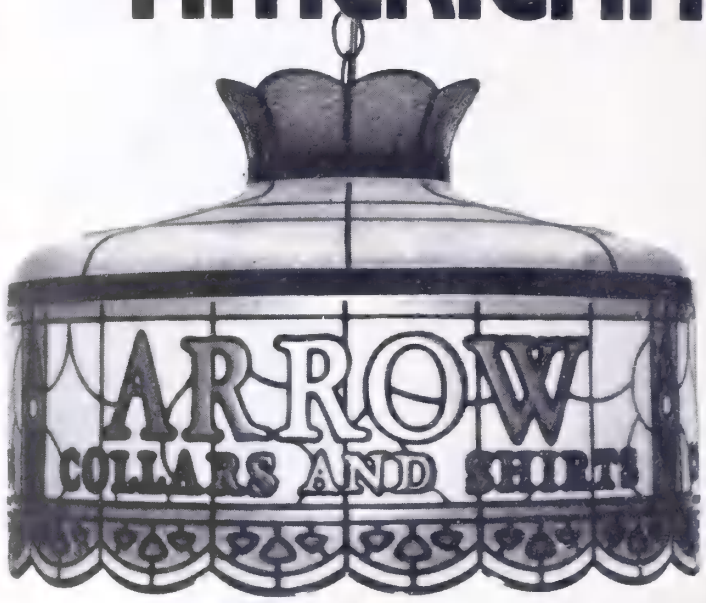
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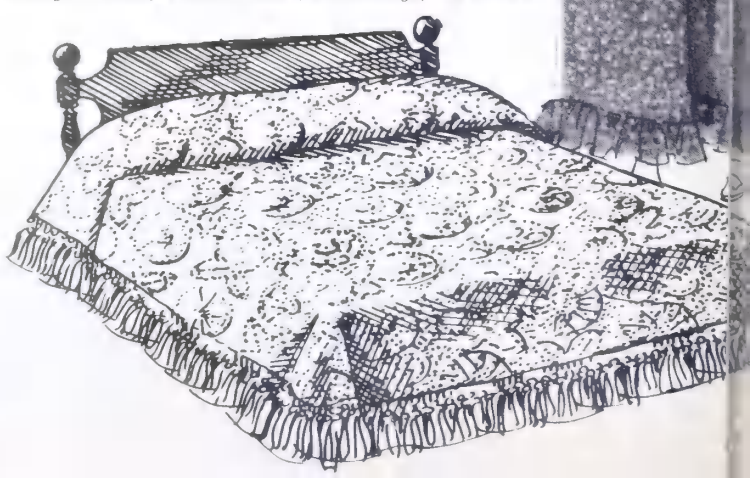


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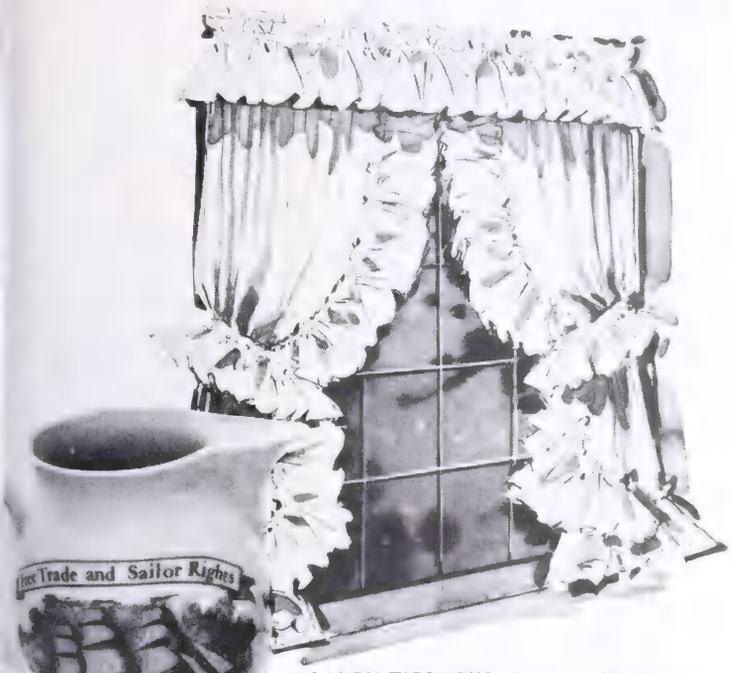


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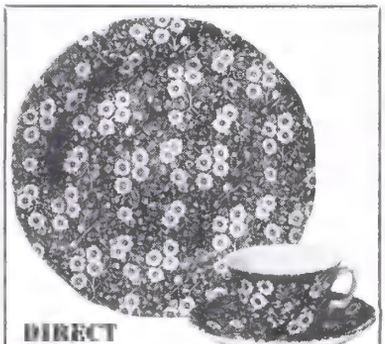
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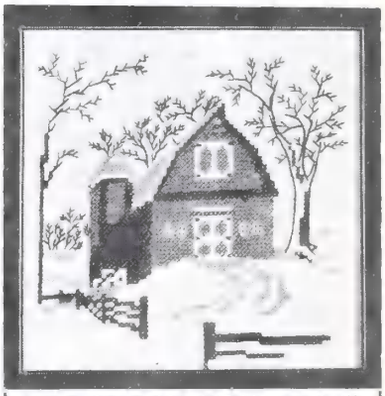
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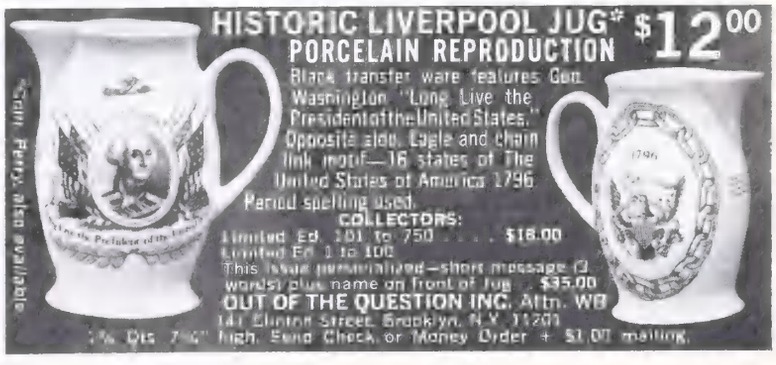
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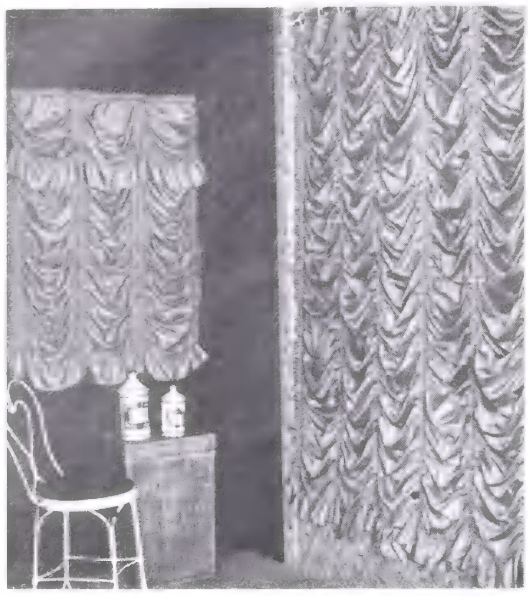
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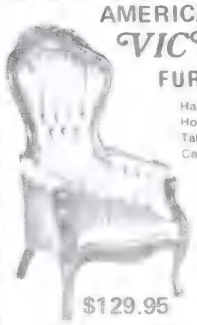
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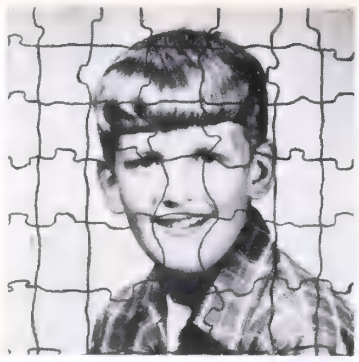
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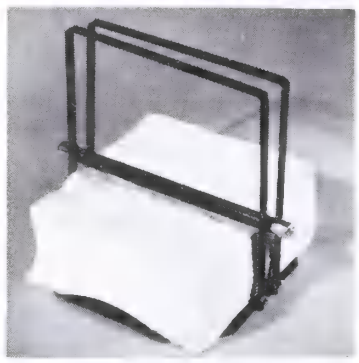
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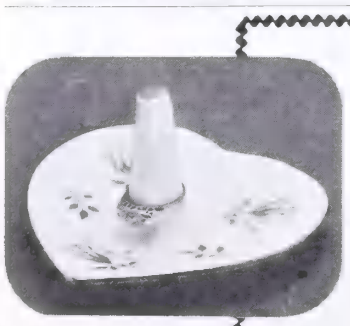
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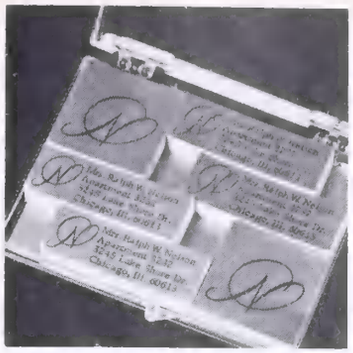
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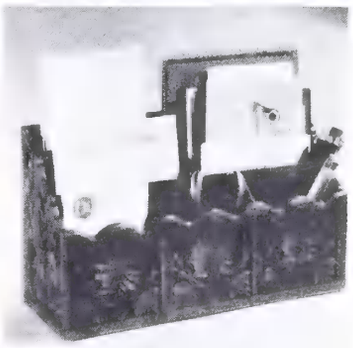
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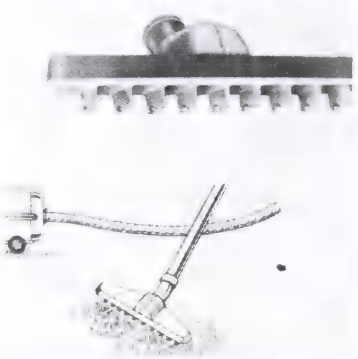
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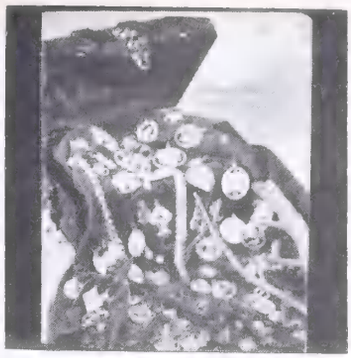


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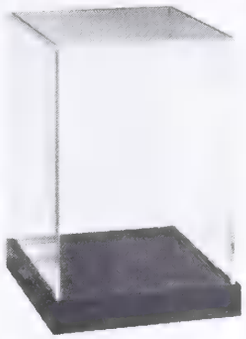
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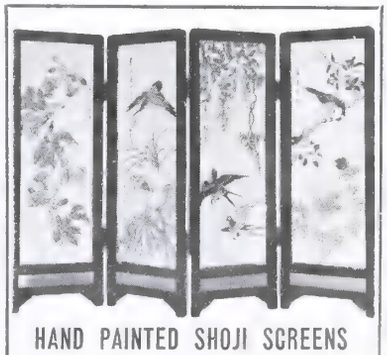


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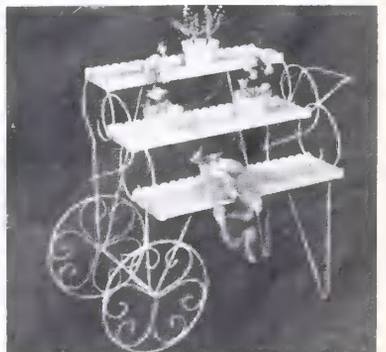
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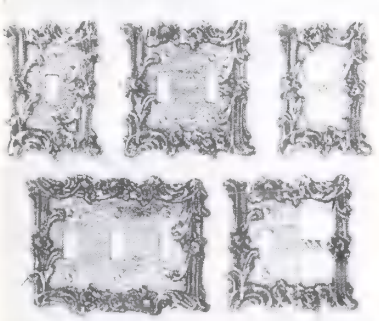
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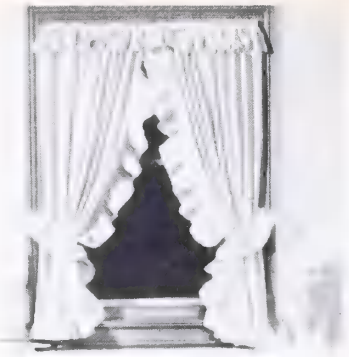
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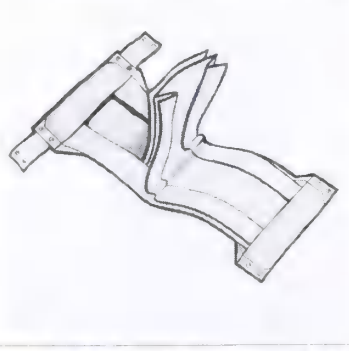
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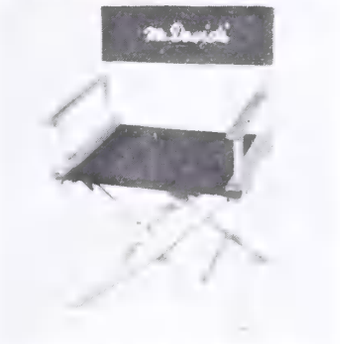
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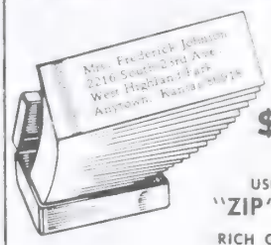


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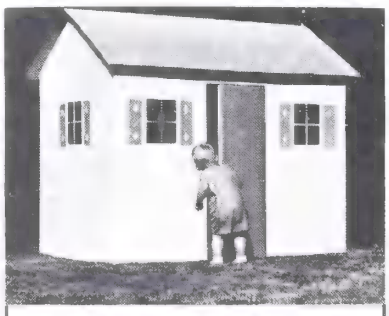


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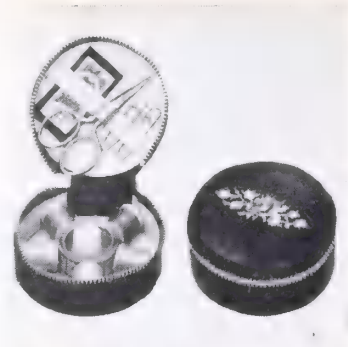
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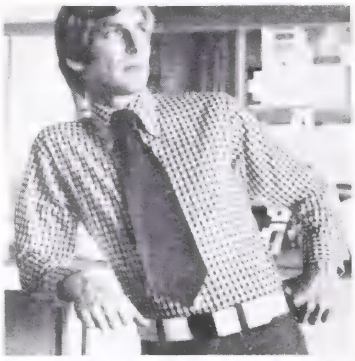


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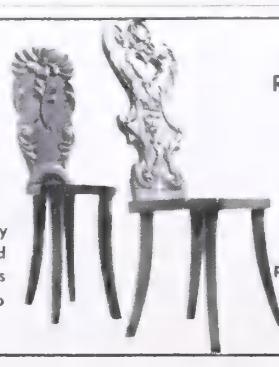
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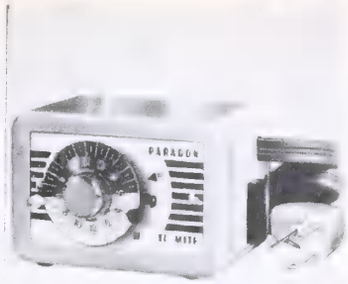
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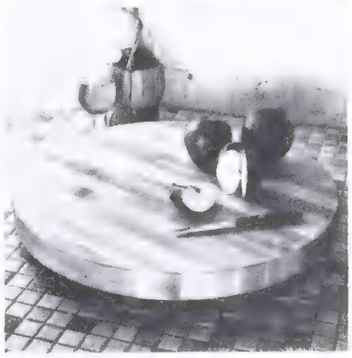
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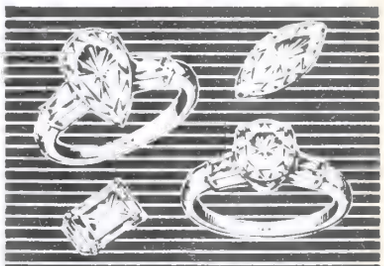
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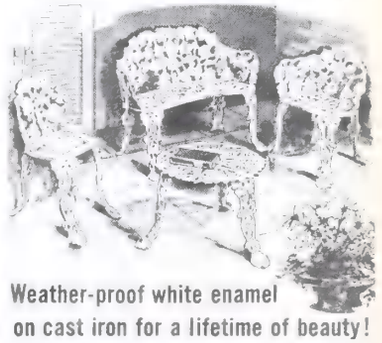
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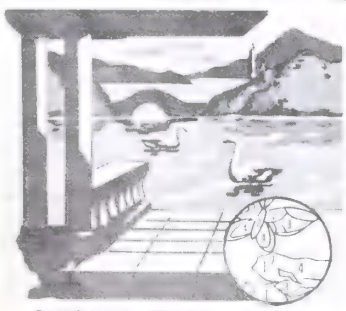
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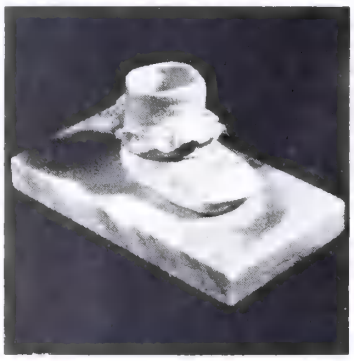
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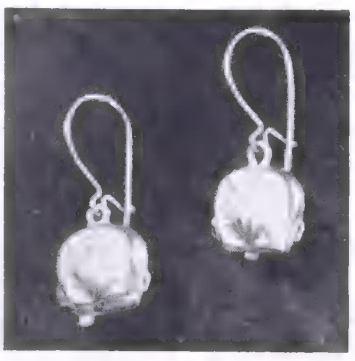
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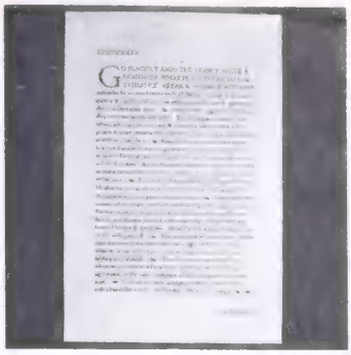


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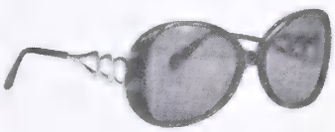


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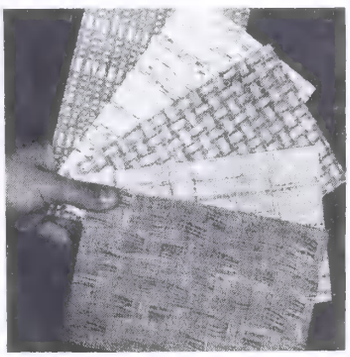
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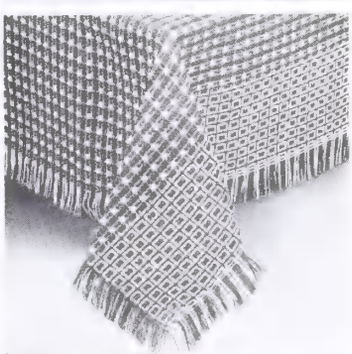
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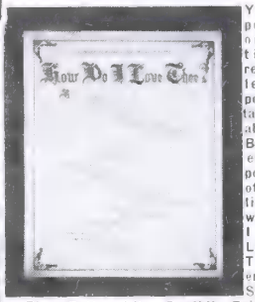


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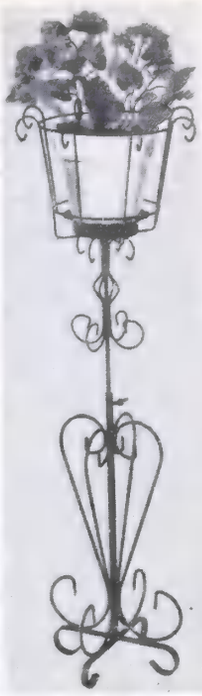


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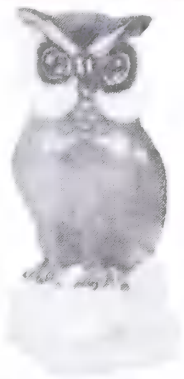
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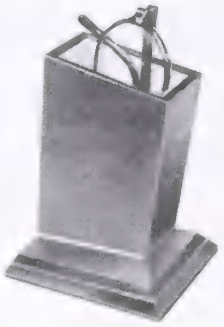


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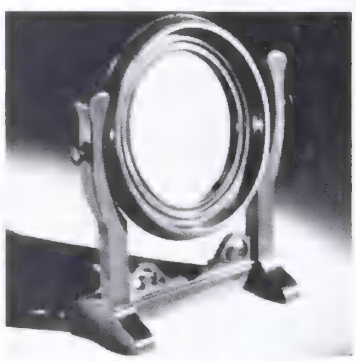
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GREEK ISLANDS: a taste of the wine-dark sea

By MARION GOUGH □ When people start telling you they've "done" the Greek Islands, they've got to be kidding. In the Homeric seas that wash the coasts of Greece, islands are like stars in the Milky Way. To "do" all of them would tax the powers of Hercules and, if they were "done" right, would take the lifetime of Methuselah. There they float, capsuled in crystal light, wrapped in myth and mystery, each a little one-of-a-kind world of legend, custom, atmosphere. They may be dazzle-white, built-up masonry geometries of cubes, domes, parabolas. They may be Crusader fortresses rising from the waters. Or hills of ochre, purple, russet, silhouetted with the shards of ancient temples, black-green cypress, silver-green olive. And in the air there's bound to be the scent of the sea's iodine mingled aromatically with thyme, laurel and wild cyclamen. There are lively ports and sunny beaches (300 sunny days a year, they tell us), seaside taverns where the ouzo and retsina flow, the bazouka plays and to get up and dance by yourself seems as natural as breathing. No fish-fry in the world will ever taste so good as the first one you'll eat under a vine-shaded arbor of a Greek island beach. And as you skim

Arbors and beaches—places where you are a darling of the gods

the glittering seas (they are wine-dark, just as the man said) in sailing boat or cruise ship, you feel you are a darling of the gods. Indeed, the gods are never far away. Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Apollo, Aphrodite and all their awesome ilk worked their wonders here, left their myths and temples. You are on the scene, and even the most confirmed hedonist will regret paying these places a visit without boning up on Greek mythology.

Where do you start? All the islands are eminently reachable, interlaced by cruise ships of the Epirotiki, Sun and Hellenic Mediterranean Lines, ferry and carferry from Pireaus, the port of Athens, and further linked by interisland routes. And, if you're leisurely and lucky, there are yachts for charter to plot your own course.

Our own first island stop was Rhodes, a metropolis in comparison with other islands. Olympic Airlines flies here from Athens. The town of Rhodes and its surrounding area have become resortsville in just the past few years, buzzing with motor bikes, slick with highrise hotels and crowded beaches.

Rhodes: a slick resortsville that's still so very Greek, so very ancient

But the aura of fun and sun can't overshadow the essential Greekness of this place or the dignity of its medieval old town and the dominating castle fortress of the Knights of St. John, hospitalers of the Crusades who ruled the island for two centuries. On summer evenings a smashing sound-and-light show tells its history. Its triple moats, now parks, are home to charming families of deer, loved and respected by Rhodians because their ancestors stamped out the snakes long ago. This island of roses, to say nothing of hibiscus, dates back to the 11th century B.C. Dorians, but it's a plum-cake of invading influences, including Mussolini's 20th-century hand. Its archeological museum in the knights' old hospital is a charmer. See the precious ancient marble of "Venus Drying Her Hair." Consider that it was ancient when Cicero and Julius Caesar came to Rhodes as students. Walk the cobbled, tight-squeeze, medieval streets of the old town, where the shopping is most intriguing. For the well-heeled, there are big bargains in magnificently crafted jewelry, in alabaster, onyx and rose quartz, because the Rhodians are clever stoneworkers. Other buys are sandals, floccati sheepskin rugs, local lace and sponges and, if they're your dish, coats of patchwork mink, the makings of which we suspect came right off the cutting room floors of Seventh Avenue, transported here because of Rhodian skill in fur stitching. Get yourself some worry beads, relax, fingering them Greek style, in an outdoor café on the Mandraki, the portside boulevard. Drink the strong, sweetly muddy coffee, nibble a pistachio, try the good Greek olives, green and red, and watch the ships and yachts moving in the harbor, where the legendary Colossus stood.

Be sure you don't miss Petaloudes, the strange Valley of the Butterflies, where myriads of rosy-gold flutterers sleep in a grove of vanilla-scented storax trees and, at a sudden sound, awake and shimmer through the air like flowers in the wind.

Above all, drive to Lindos, through the apricot and orange country, through sugar-cube villages where doors are painted good-luck blue, hung with May-day wreaths till Christmas, and the field-working ladies wear boots and swathe their faces against the sun. In the town of

In a land of legend, a glimpse of the past is seen in a bargain for today

Archangelos, stop to see the red-and-black pottery made in the ancient manner (warning: It smashes easily). Stop in the gloom of a church, smoky with incense, glinting with icons.

And then Lindos itself and the high, cliffside climb on donkeyback to the glorious acropolis overlooking the sea, the classic purity of Athena's ruined temple rising against the sky. Sunset's the uncrowded, solitary time to wander here in the wind and wild flowers. Lindos, the town itself, is scrubbed-white, its streets winding up and down hill, past secretive white walls hiding courtyards of pebble mosaics and houses that foreigners find so charming that they're premium rentals.

On from Rhodes, the Epirotiki Line's *M.S. Jupiter*—and there's no solace like a ship for the wing-weary traveler suffering from time lag—cruised us to Patmos, where the locals greeted us with flowers and the shops bulged with bargains in handmade sweaters. But the mystique of Patmos lies above, high above, another donkey ride up seaside crags to the monastery of St. John the Theologian, a fortress holy place hung with bells, its thick walls dazzling white, labyrinthed with shadowy stairways and corridors that lead eventually to a crowning rooftop view that makes you think the world is yours. It's a silent place, for one so well-touristed. A place for holy men. Its dusky church is a treasury

The mystique of Patmos: a retreat rich in the treasures of St. John

of Byzantine icons. And there's treasure indeed in its library of illuminated manuscripts, early Byzantine church art, jeweled artifacts, weavings and embroideries in gold and precious stones. Nearby, in a cave of porphyry, the hermit St. John had his visions, wrote the Revelations. It's a quieting place, but to liven up the pace after this sober visit, there is a tavern in the town, rough and beautiful, where townsfolk gather, glad to tell the visitor of their cousins in Chicago.

Seaward again, on to Santorini, the white town of Thira hanging from the sky atop a soaring cliff, and the donkey-ride ascent from port to town, a journey slow and strange as the road to Shangri-La. It is, in fact, the road to the Lost Atlantis—or at least the archaeologists suspect it might be—for in 1966 the digs not far from Thira disclosed some wondrous evidence, hidden under lava flow, that here was the sunken city the ancients told their tales about. Go, see, to marvel at the findings of the past. And then, back to the present, to lunch—and one hopes one day to stay—at the shiny white Hotel Atlantis, made modern but appropriately Aegean by the design team of T.S. Robsjohn-Gibbings and Carlton Pullin, who gave the place the colors of the sea below and the sky above and dressed the guestrooms with fabric patterned with the wild flowers that carpet the Greek mountains. The fabric's a pretty souvenir that you can buy in Athens, where, incidentally, you shouldn't miss the showroom of furniture maker Sarides, and the exhibition of Gibbings' magnificent reproductions of classic Greek furniture.

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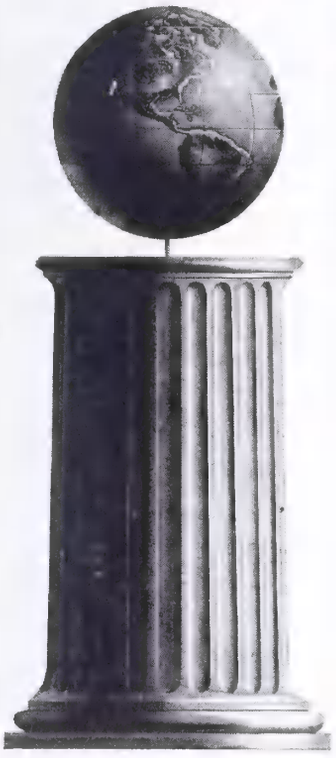
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Pages 32-35—Ward house

Construction and equipment: Framing lumber, WESTERN WOOD PRODUCTS. Concrete beams are precast, prestressed State Highway I-Beams with exposed aggregate sufaces, DELTA PRE-STRESS CONCRETE INC. Interior and exterior resawn redwood wall surfaces, U.S. PLYWOOD. Wood trim, CALIFORNIA REDWOOD ASSOCIATION. Oak flooring, E.L. BRUCE CO. Roof vaults of curved stress skin plywood panels, PLYWOOD FABRICATORS INC. Neoprene-Hypalon roofing, GACO WESTERN INC. Ceramic tile, GAIL INTERNATIONAL CORP. Glass, SCHLAGE. Fixtures, AMERICAN STANDARD; fittings, DELTA. Refrigerator, range, hood and washer and dryer, GENERAL ELECTRIC. Disposal, WASTE KING. Heating, FRASER-JOHNSTON CO.

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Bedroom: Chair, THE MCGUIRE CO. Floor lamp designed by Cedric Hartman, from STENDIG.* Bedspread, SHOWROOM III.*

Study: Chair, New Bauhaus, and floor lamp designed by Cedric Hartman, STENDIG.* Bedspread and rug, SHOWROOM III.* Antique chest, CASA MANANA INC.

Pages 36-41—A new look

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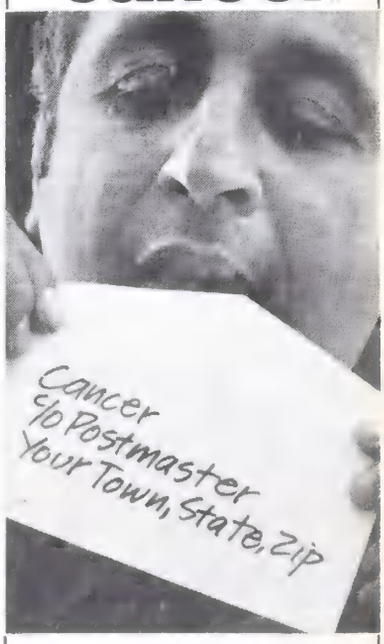
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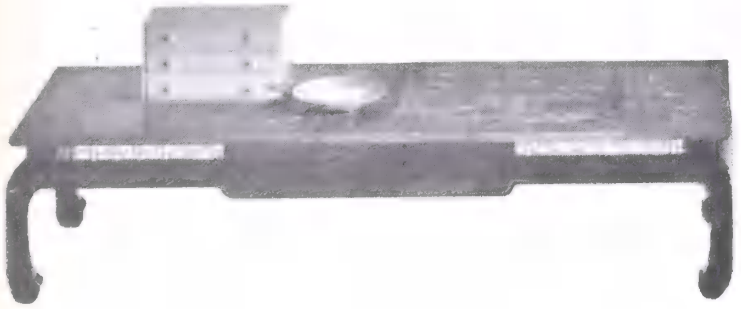
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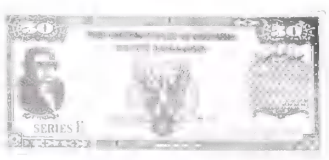
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—and notebooks begat notebooks . . .

By SHIRLI STREHLOW □ When, as a dedicated list-maker, I found myself making lists of my lists, clipping lists to other lists and, worst of all, *misplacing* lists, there was only one thing to do: graduate to notebooks.

That, too, has escalated, until now my lists are organized among nine notebooks, in assorted sizes and colors. The largest, least pretty and most necessary, I call my Necessary Book. Between its bulging brown covers are warranties, guarantees, instructions and emergency telephone numbers. There is a list of service and repair people, an insurance inventory of family treasures, even a chores list. (You mean it has been *two years* since I last reamed out that oven?)

Sometimes, new notebooks grow out of old. In my Necessary Book I once kept lists of gift ideas, but in time this grew unwieldy and I decided to give Gift Ideas a home of their own. Within pale blue covers I keep dropped hints, downright requests, clippings of unusual mail order items and, most important of all, a record of what I gave last year. Thus, I protect my loved ones from receiving a book, conceivably the *same* book, every Christmas.

And speaking of repeating oneself—how truly devastating it is to realize, midstream in your dinner party, that you have served this identical menu before, in toto, to these people. Dear old Holiday and Hostess Notes not only protects me from such catastrophes, but keeps me reminded of my friends' allergies, their pet loves and their pet hates.

It is at yuletide, though, that Holiday and Hostess Notes comes most surely into its own as sanity preserver, lifeline, true friend. We seem to have a Christmas tradition for everything, from candy canes on Christmas Eve to a distribution of Twelfth Night gifts after the tree comes down. And each year another tradition manages to get itself born and instantly hallowed in permanence. The only possible way to keep up with all of them is to make lists. Isn't it wonderful how Mother always remembers to fix a suet tree for the birds and buy real, red candles for every window in the house and . . .? Yes, indeed, it's a wonder.

I have a few notebooks almost as personal as diaries. One of these, clothed in an appropriately chic plaid, I call Wardrobe Planning, lists of things I've bought and things I need to buy—and a dreary clutch of bills. Another "personal" is really more of a scrapbook, with dozens of splendid body-toners clipped from magazines. I love this notebook. Whenever I feel fat and out of condition, I can sit down with it and plan a good workout. For tomorrow, of course.

My Rainy Day Book (in a pink shade some might call rose) is a collection of cartoons, high-minded quotations and low puns. There is also a section called Worry Pages. When I find myself getting into a muddle about something, I write the problem out, putting down every single irritation, every disagreeable possibility. Then I look over Worry Pages from the past, and yesterday's crises make me feel a little bit silly and a whole lot better.

Because I love to read, I have a Book Notebook. Kept between its good gray covers are lists of best sellers, recommendations from friends and book reviews, all useful for carrying along on weekly trips to the library. Chiefly, though, my Book Notebook is a record of books I've already read, each noted with a brief comment. As with old wine, these lists grow more valuable with aging. Many of the books that only last year I found "thrilling" or even "unforgettable" are now nothing more than titles. And yet there are always a few genuinely memorable mind-stretchers. There was the year when, seeking to establish myself as a gung-ho hostess, every other book I read was a cookbook. There was the year when we took a trip to Europe and every other book was a travel book. The following year we went nowhere and every other book was *still* a travel book.

My Vacation Book is also basic equipment. Its rather ominous subtitle, Precautions and Advice, is offset by an upbeat scarlet cover. Reposing within are certain field-tested lists such as: What Not to Forget Under Any Circumstances and What to Absolutely Leave Behind. There is also a disorderly jumble of such potentially useful items as the name of a great little paperback bookstore in Boston, the address of an unusual Spanish restaurant in Nashville, the route to a bargain-find motel on the outskirts of San Diego.

Gardening Diagrams and Projects was once a lovely, woodsy green but is now considerably dirt-smudged. Filling its pleasantly dirty pages are cryptic notations such as, "Separate the Red Emperors from the Shasta Queens by next fall."

Recently, my husband brought home a possible 10th notebook. "Found it in a waste basket," he said. "Seems to be in pretty good condition except that the rings don't quite mesh, and a sheet might fall out. But knowing you, I figured you'd find a use for it, anyway."

Apart from its mechanical shortcomings it was, indeed, premium goods. It had a full complement of fresh pages, both lined and unlined. It was bound in genuine black calf. It even possessed a neat set of leather-trimmed alphabet dividers. What more could I ask?

But what office should it fill? It would be an act of snobbish disloyalty to replace one of my shabby old books with this leather-bound newcomer. And yet, does a woman who has annotated every aspect of her life, from gardens to garments, from inspiration to administration, have anything left to catalog?

Once, after reading Freud, I considered keeping a record of my nocturnal fantasies. Who knows what insights into the Real Me I might thus uncover? But then the average morning at our house does not lend itself to introspections among the pillows—Freud or no Freud.

I suppose I could take advantage of that defect and scatter a path of subtle hints: "Diamonds are a girl's best friend," "Why not wrap her in mink this Christmas?," "Give Mother flowers on Her day." On second thought, with my luck, I'd probably get arrested for littering long before I got wrapped in mink. Or what about an ego-booster book? It could be pleasant, even therapeutic, to keep a notebook filled with lists of my talents and accomplishments, garnished here and there with a random compliment or two. Yet, remembering again those faulty rings, do I really want to risk scattering a trail of love notes to myself in my wake?

And so, there it sits, austere aristocrat in black leather, almost visibly holding itself aloof from the busy, overstuffed, finger-smudged other nine. Its pack of clean, unmarked pages offers an infinity of possibilities, and it may yet have a purpose. But for now, like the lilies of the field, it is sufficient for it simply to BE. ■

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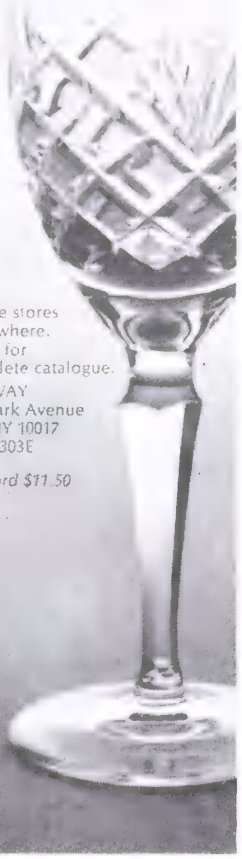
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What impels people to pay roughly 1,000 times as much for bottled water? There are a few specific reasons.

A scattering of physicians recommend distilled water (one of four types offered by bottlers) for patients on severe low-sodium diets. And a few private well-owners each year find their sources contaminated. Until the well water is cleaned, bottled water—in either of the four categories, "cleaned and conditioned" (which includes spring water), "purified," distilled or fluoridated—is a justifiable stopgap.

But that hardly accounts for bottled water sales of $80 million last year and an anticipated increase this year. What appears to drive most people into buying bottled water is dissatisfaction with local tap water. For example, in some areas water runs rusty. In others, it may have a disagreeable odor or seem too heavily chlorinated.

In 1970, a disturbing report on the condition of our public water supply was released by the Division of Water Hygiene, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In essence, some of the nation's water systems were delivering water that tested below federal standards. Reacting to the report, a sizable number of families switched to bottled water for drinking.

The report was vigorously protested by the American Water Works Association, which pointed out that the United States has the finest public water system in the world (it does) and charged that the report was seriously misleading. The second claim was fortified by a story in the *Washington Evening Star* on July 11 of last year. Quoting from the story:

"John A. Cofrancesco, an engineer with the division [of E.P.A.], said that his office may have inadvertently stimulated the boom in bottled water sales by releasing a study last summer that showed that only 59% of 1,000 local water systems tested throughout the nation were meeting federal standards.

"Cofrancesco pointed out that the great majority of water works falling below standards were in small towns and that the nation's big cities all checked out well. 'But the bottled water people took great liberties with our study,' he said. 'Whenever we would say potential hazard, they would leave out the word potential.' "

Officially, the bottlers refuse to comment on the nation's water supply. A spokesman for the American Bottled Water Association said, "We're not in a position to say that municipal water is not what it should be, but there are people who say that bottled water is not what it should be."

One such person is Dr. Rita R. Colwell of Georgetown University, who conducted a study of bottled water purchased in the Washington, D.C., area. Her conclusion: City and county tap water had bacteria counts significantly lower than the count in the bottled water samples.

As a result of this test and other information, Rep. John S. Monagan (D-Conn.) and Rep. Paul G. Rogers (D-Fla.) have introduced a bill to establish federal standards for drinking water. The bill will include specific standards for bottled water.

In fairness, a similar test of bottled water in the New York City area found samples all considerably purer than required by the most stringent regulations.

Is bottled water better for your health? No, says the American Medical Association, which states flatly, "We do not recommend the use of bottled water."

Are there less expensive ways of obtaining the kind of water that bottlers use? Yes. All the water flowing into your house can be treated as extensively as you wish. One system offered by Water Refining Co. would cost about $1,000 over a 20-year period; bottled water for drinking would run around $1,600.

Some bottlers claim such equipment will not produce water of the same quality as the bottled liquid. Says Joel C. Edison, vice-president of Water Refining, "Several bottled-water producers use our process and equipment in their businesses."

Or you might have a purifying device attached to the water piping in your kitchen. One model, Aqua 1, produced by Culligan, provides sparkling clear water at about 7 cents a gallon. Going back to the original question, we ask: Is bottled water worth the price? You be the judge.

—JOHN INGERSOLL

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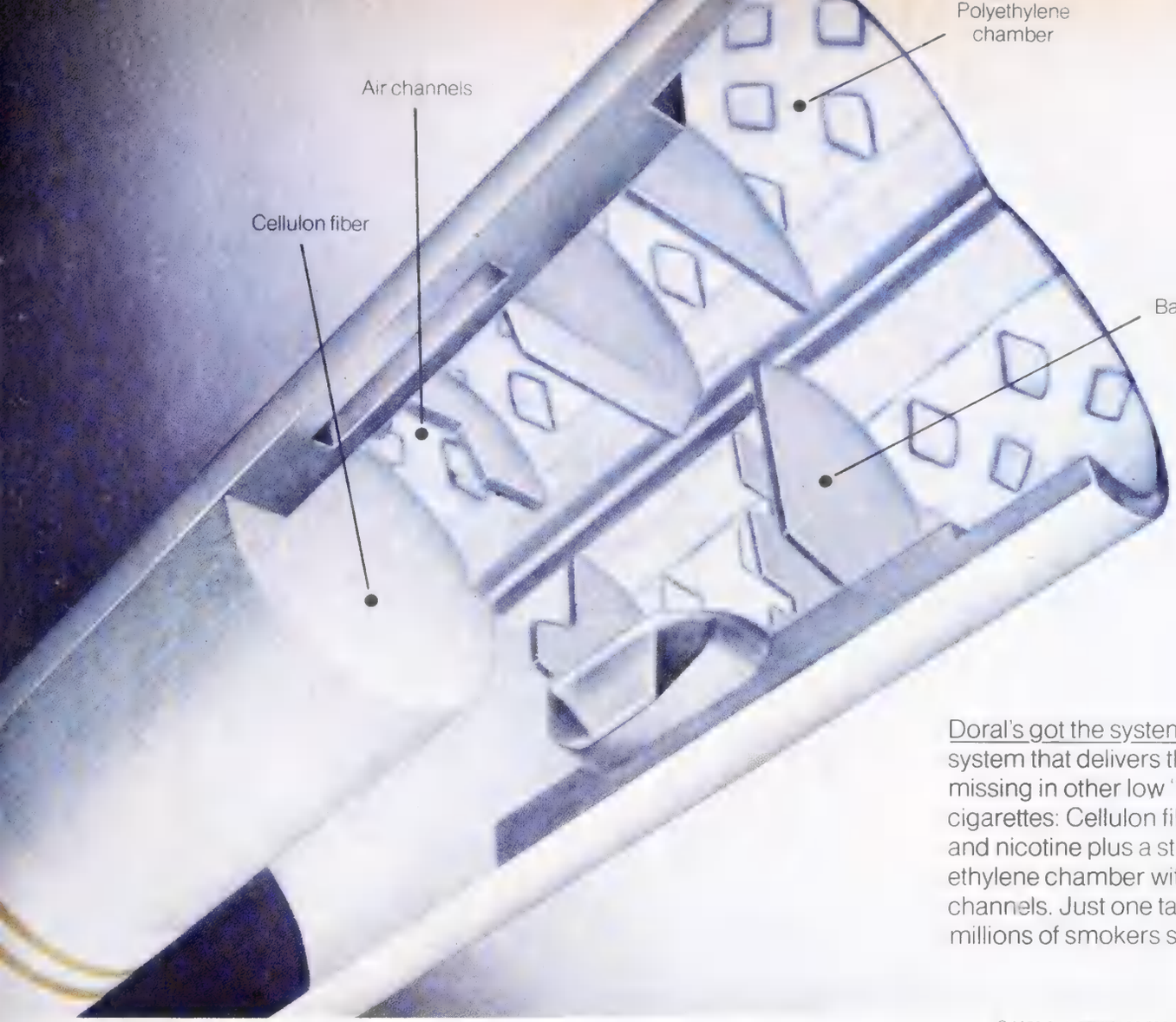
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Owning land in the country is a human desire that must spring fundamentally from the psyche. It's as inviting to some as the rich Ohio valley must have been for early East Coast settlers, or the California hills to the '49ers. And this is the time of year it happens.

Every weekend that the roads are not impassable, a stream of cars flows from urban and suburban enclaves to the smog-free (well, relatively smog-free) reaches of exurbia. What do people seek?

The abandoned farm presents the greatest temptation, especially to the young urban couple. Their attitude often is one of unbounded optimism, an emotion they should be prepared to curb. True, the farm they discover may be shaded with beautiful elm trees and lined with genuine 19th-century cow paths, but a closer look might well reveal a deteriorating condition and value. If you find yourself momentarily swept away by visions of owning a country estate, this abbreviated guide may steer you away from disillusionment and direct you toward fulfilling that dream.

Buying any farm, abandoned or otherwise, involves more than land, of course. There are buildings (nearly always plural). Seven times out of 10, they need repairs. And some structures will be beyond repair (but perhaps not beyond salvaging precious weathered lumber). You need an objective appraisal of what it will cost to restore the structures you plan to use. In fact, paying a remodeling expert to give you a professional estimate is a good idea. Woven into this decision must be your goals: Will you forego modern conveniences such as central *(Continued)*



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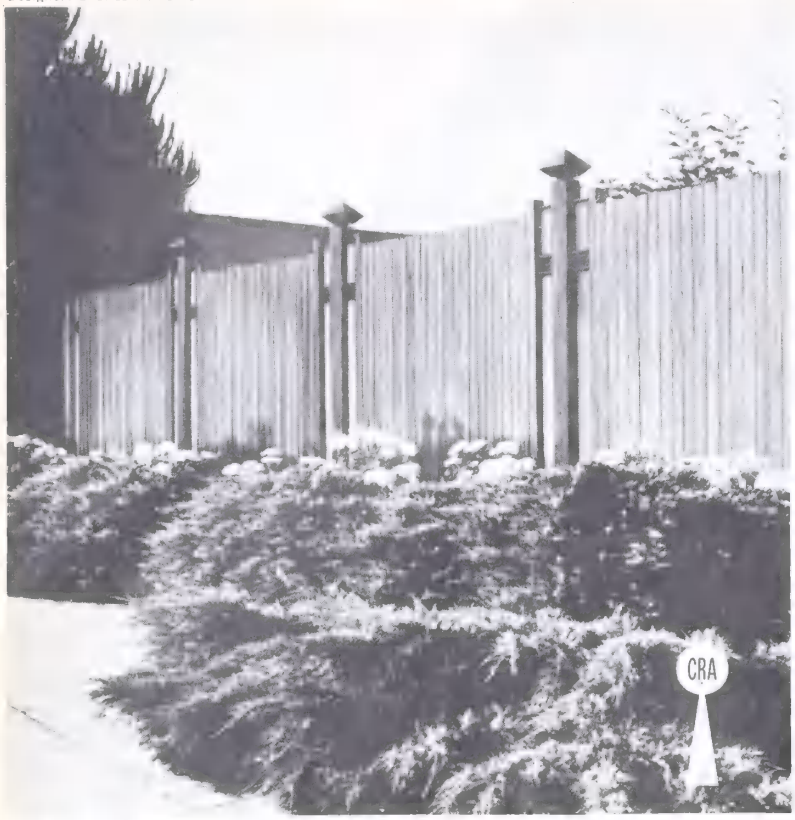
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heat won't be needed? Will the property be your first step toward retirement? Is the farm only an investment? Obviously, your intentions will influence your decisions, and the decisions you make will involve money—a good reason to move cautiously.

What do you need to know about land? First of all, it's best to find out the soil type and condition before adding up dollars and cents in relation to value. A state department of agriculture may be able to supply recent figures on the local value of rural farm and rural nonfarm property. If not, try the federal counterpart. Statistics also exist on the average cost of farm buildings. If you seek this information locally, your curiosity will be telegraphed to interested parties with perhaps unfortunate monetary results. Averages supplied by a governmental agency should serve as a general guideline only.

Then take a breather and give the land a good walking over. Traveling a hundred acres isn't going to relegate you to a wheel chair, at least not permanently, and you just may learn something. If the property is not under cultivation, you should take a soil sample from a number of locations. The total sample should represent an average. You can rationalize this precaution out the window by convincing yourself that the family only plans to raise vegetables on a small parcel of the total acreage, so why worry about fertility? The fact remains that you pay for the land, all of it, whether you use it or abuse it. In fact, that's what the purchase price may be based on, or at least a good part of it. So why not find out what your dollar is buying? Needless to say, plans for a cash crop demand a thorough analysis. If you don't plan a cash crop, the resale value is an important enough reason to know the soil quality.

The soil can be analyzed by either a private firm or a state agency. The results, among other things, will give you a good idea of content, past use, future use and the eventual cost of restoring it, if this is what you desire. If you're an amateur in this area, it's best to talk over the results with a knowledgeable person. The county agricultural agent will lend a hand. He will also be able in most cases to tell you about land and land values in the over-all area. You'll begin to see how the property you're considering compares with other parcels within a 10 to 20 mile range. In addition, you might discover from him a portion of the countryside that you have never seen before and would want to examine further before you put your name on any purchase contract.

Water, water, who's got the water? If modern plumbing has done anything, it's convinced the average American that his supply of pure water is not only a God-given right but also an obvious fact of life. Wrong on both counts. Like the disposal of sewage and garbage, the problem of water is highlighted on the farm. Pumps, filters and the source of water should be checked thoroughly. Ask the real estate agent for a complete rundown on all this equipment, including its history and condition. Have the water analyzed by a chemist. In cases where the farm has not been used in quite some time, hence necessitating a shutdown in water, heating and sewage units, it's in your best interest to become suspicious. If, instead of settling on a romantic but rundown farm, you direct your attention to a working farm, your chances for moving in without making repairs immediately increase. You may want to make changes later, but that would involve personal choice, not necessity.

A final word or two about the psychology of buying rural property anywhere in the United States.

1. Avoid weekends. The country real estate salesman will have a number of people on his hands and your time with the property may be minimized.

2. Make sure you're both there to view the property. This will save time and avoid haggling at some future date.

3. Never buy during the late spring or summer months. No matter what anyone—or any instinct—tells you, land prices do fluctuate seasonally. A farmer will shut down and sell after a crop, not before. In this regard, never buy property while a crop is standing unless your farming ability and the availabilty of machinery and labor can turn a dollar. Seasonal fluctuations also affect abandoned farms.

4. Drive around to get an idea of neighboring towns and farmsteads. Check zoning laws to see if potential land uses (junkyards, etc.) might detract from your investment. The county treasurer will be more than willing to talk about taxes.

5. Ditto with schools and access roads. This is (*Continued*)



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especially important during the winter months when children have to be sent to school or you have to go back to the city. ***This is hardly a complete guide*** to buying land, but from these tips, you may glean one jewel of advice that is implicitly woven throughout: Have patience. And if you haven't rushed into buying bucolic property and *have* taken pains to examine your purchase carefully, you may just gain that smog-free Elysium of your dreams.
—THOMAS M. SHEEHAN

crafts



Once you have the knack of it, you can construct an array of restful objects with macramé. To make the chair above, Joan Howell knotted natural waxed linen cord around a simple frame. Both she and Roberta Burk, who created the chair on page 4, were students in a summer course entitled "The Art of Macramé," at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, taught by Nancy J. Howell-Koehler. This craft works equally well with directors' chairs, which, made with a neutral cord, go with today's natural look.—ANNE OGDEN

art

Buy art with confidence, understand it in your own way, know how to care for it and defend your choices against today's anti-art movement. How? By having (or appearing to have) the courage of your convictions and storing up a little knowledge to reinforce your courage. The way to do that? Dip into a collection of extraordinarily good books published recently. After reading them, you should have that knowledge. ***For example, if you've been plagued*** by feelings of inadequacy when faced with rooms full of paintings, take heart from Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis' fresh outlook, *See For Yourself* (Harper & Row, $15). In it, he singles out 10 works he would like to have. Then he tells why. "The (*Continued*)

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point of this book is simply to show how one layman overcame the defects of his education and the obfuscations of critics." His theory is to pick "your picture" in a museum. "If you stare at every one, you get museum back and sightseer's blur in no time." Since "every profession has its own language that is unintelligible to laymen," be not discouraged and let your own imagination guide you. It works. See for yourself.

The next step, if you've already seen a moderate amount of art, is *The World of Art* by Robert Payne (Doubleday, $12.50). As artbooks go, this one is totally unpretentious in looks, with only a few black-and-white illustrations and some line drawings. However, Payne's rich description of art, countryside, people and history gives a real feeling for the world of art and artists. This book is a perfectly acceptable substitute for the usual visual presentation, if you already know a little about art. Put this book next to your picture books, but read it first.

So you've decided you like art and want to buy it. If you plan to be anywhere near an auction—and you probably will be at some point—first digest *How to Buy at Auction* by Michael DeForrest (Simon & Schuster, $6.95). It tells you why to buy at auction: variety, possibility of a "find," excitement, savings and fun. This book will help you find an auction, preview and inspect one and attend one. It also includes advice on getting your purchases home. Marcus Didius Salvius Julianus, he tells us, bought the Roman Empire at auction for 25,000 sesterces in 193. That should give you inspiration. Two other books will help keep you informed of current auction prices. The first, *Art at Auction 1970-71,* edited by Philip Wilson and Annamaria Macdonald (Viking Press, $20), has pictures and sale prices of some of the more dramatic sales at Sotheby and Parke-Bernet. *Encyclopedia of Modern Art Auction Prices* by Michèle Bérard with a forward by Parke-Bernet's David Nash (Arco Publishing Co., $45) is an untiring compilation of 282 artists and what their paintings have brought at auction in the last 20 years. This is a good overview of changing prices (though the book has no pictures).

Once you own art, you'll need *Art Restoration: A Guide to the Care and Preservation of Works of Art* by Francis Kelly (McGraw-Hill, $9.95) to keep it from falling apart. As the author smartly (and rightly) says, much restoration is best left to the professionals. But there are some tips for the collector "to assure proper care and safety." He tells us what the restorer can't do (so don't ask for it) and what the buyer should expect from the restorer. He goes into the problems of framing and hanging, and gives advice on spotting damaged paintings.

For what's going on in the art world today and what it means, Harold Rosenberg's *The De-Definition of Art: Action Art to Pop to Earthworks* (Horizon Press, $10) is a group of essays, mostly adapted from some of his pieces in *The New Yorker.* "No one can say with assurance what a work of art is —or, more important, what is not a work of art." If you feel troubled about the role of earthworks, for example, this book might give you some hope. It's thoughtful reading and does lapse into art jargonese from time to time, but as Lewis says in *See For Yourself,* don't let that get you down. —ANNE OGDEN

letters

Recently, a friend returned several back issues of House Beautiful she had borrowed. I was thrilled to find among them the issue which contains what I consider the most beautiful decorating achievement ever to appear in your magazine. It is an apartment in the United Nations Plaza in New York, decorated for House Beautiful by Emily Malino. It is exquisite, fresh and in perfect taste. I could move in today. And in this world of rapidly changing tastes and questionable fads, it is a joy. Not a piece in it is kooky or faddish. It is a prime example of what the art in interior decoration is all about. It appeared in the September 1966 issue! I'd love to see more of Miss Malino's work and I'm sure others would, too.—E.H., Dallas, Texas

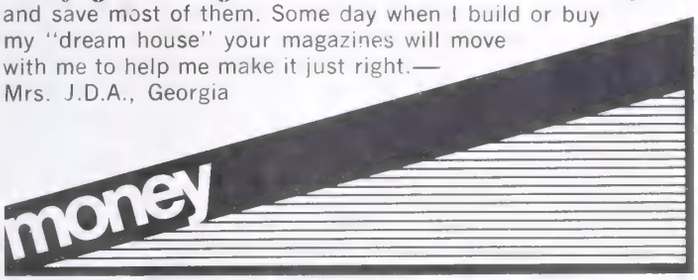
In October last year we ran a portfolio on five noted interior designers who shopped at Sears Roebuck and created five high-style rooms. Malino magic appears on pages 140-141.—Ed.

I was a bit puzzled when I read John Ingersoll's article about the Reynolds Metals competition for mobile home design in the April issue. He said the first award winner was "interestingly enough" a landscape architect. I think it is quite appropriate the first prize was won by a landscape architect. Who is better trained in arranging outdoor spaces and making transitions from indoor to outdoor areas? Landscape architecture is so much more than bush planting. It is a design profession dealing with spaces, forms, texture and color. These interchangeable parts are worked with until pleasing human spaces are created. So it would seem quite logical that a landscape architect would win such a competition.—G.H., Michigan State U.

Landscape architecture is indeed a field broader than "bush planting." I didn't intend to imply it wasn't. However, design of structures still remains the principle province of the architect (though he often has strong ideas about landscaping).—J.H.I.

I made Miss McCully's Alsatian Casserole from the March issue and even put one into the freezer. Simply delicious.—Mrs. J.S., Willowdale, Ontario

I enjoy reading each issue of your excellent magazine and save most of them. Some day when I build or buy my "dream house" your magazines will move with me to help me make it just right.—Mrs. J.D.A., Georgia



An increasing number of Americans are jumping on the bondwagon. Last year bond sales hit a record high, soaring 44% over 1970. While in the past, bonds were bought almost solely by institutions, today individual investors are partly responsible for the surge.

Whether you should buy bonds depends on your objectives and financial condition. Primarily, they are for people who want a reliable, fixed income while preserving their capital and who seek a greater return than in a savings account or from stock dividends. Others turn to bonds for a balanced portfolio. Bonds are for you if you want to minimize risk and are patient enough to pursue long-term goals. But you must be willing to forego potential growth of your capital for income.

A bond has several basic features. The face value (*par value*) is the price at which a bond is issued—most likely $1,000 although some (baby bonds) come in smaller units. The fixed interest rate is stated on the certificate, based on the face value, not the purchase price.

Your current yield—actual return—is determined by dividing the stated interest by what you paid for the bond. Thus, if you paid $800 for a $1,000 bond with a 5% rate, your current yield is 6.3%. The term of the bond varies, ranging from one year on a government treasury note to as long as 25, 30 or 40 years on corporate bonds. The maturity date is the date the face value must be paid.

If the market value of a $1,000 bond is $940, you pay $940 and gain $60 when it's redeemed. That's called a discounted bond. On the other side of the fence, if you pay $1,060 for a $1,000 bond, you lose the $60 at maturity. The latter case is called buying at a premium. Why would you pay more than $1,000 for a bond? Because it's a very good investment or it carries a high interest rate or both.

The daily quoted price of a bond usually rises or falls from time to time. That is, if you paid $950 for a bond and it's quoted one day at "105" (meaning $1,050), you can sell it at a $100 profit. On the other hand, if you originally bought it for $1010 and later it's quoted at "97½" ($975) you would lose $35 if you sold it that day. (*Continued*)

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A bond will also show if it is subject to *call*, which means the issuer may choose to repay the debt before maturity date. If the bond is redeemed ahead of time, you'll probably receive a small premium. To avoid a loss on bonds subject to call, don't buy them at a price that is too far above the price at which it can be called for redemption.

No matter what your bond sells for on the market, you continue to receive the fixed rate of interest. In the past, bonds generally bore coupons (bearer bonds) and you clipped the coupons, to be deposited at your bank for collection. Today, most bonds are the couponless *registered* type, which means your name is registered with the issuer and you get a check automatically when interest comes due.

You've a choice of three main types of bonds.

1. *Corporate issues* are borrowings by business or industrial companies. Their quality, prices, interest rates and terms vary widely. Some, secured with a mortgage on corporate assets, are naturally called *mortgage bonds*. The unsecured are *debentures*, backed by the credit and full faith of the company. Certain bonds offer special features such as *convertibles*, which permit you to exchange your bond for a stated amount of the company's stock at predetermined prices, so you can participate in the company's future growth, if you desire.

2. *U.S. government bonds*. While the familiar savings bonds cannot be traded, you can buy and then sell other government bonds, certain issues of which are listed on the stock exchanges. They're tops in quality. *Treasury bills*, sold in maturities from three months to a year, are regarded as safest. They may be sold at a discount, so you profit when you redeem them. *Treasury notes* usually mature in one to seven years, paying interest twice a year. *Treasury bonds* are apt to have a minimum maturity of seven years and pay differing interest rates. Note that government bonds can be quickly turned into cash when there is a need in the family for ready cash.

3. *Municipal bonds* are brought out by city, state, local governments and their agencies. Their main advantage is that the interest earned is exempt from federal income taxes and from taxes in the state and city where they're issued. While municipals are generally safe (default has been rare), their quality depends on the issuer and the type of bond—whether it's a *general obligation* (backed by full taxing power) or secured by special taxes or revenues from facilities such as toll roads.

For people in the 50% income tax bracket, a tax-exempt bond yielding 5% is worth 10%. Bond specialists advise: Explore tax-exempts if you are in at least the 32% income tax bracket, when a 5% tax-exempt is equivalent to 7.35% (according to 1971 tax rates). Even for those in the 28% income tax bracket, there are now available tax-exempts in Municipal Investment Trust Funds with a yield of 5.8%, equivalent to 8.06%. Obviously, you get more for your money than in a savings bank paying 5% or 6% interest. A rule to remember: The higher your income, the greater the tax advantage. In an era that seems to be promising higher taxes, despite what political hopefuls say this year, many people find that tax advantages of any kind look more and more appealing.

How can you evaluate bond quality—the ability of the issuer to meet its obligation? Ratings are designated by several independent statistical services, among them Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch's. Consult more than one. Here's how bonds are rated:

Standard & Poor's (and Fitch's): AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C, DDD, DD, D

Moody's: Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C

Bonds meriting one of the top four ratings are known as "investment grade"—the speculative element virtually doesn't exist. By BB (or Ba), the speculative factor becomes important, and a CCC (Caa) bond is predominantly speculative. Your bank or broker can give you the ratings.

You may order bonds through your broker or, in the case of government bonds and municipals, at your bank. If you have a trust account at your bank, it can also buy corporate bonds for you. Today, brokers tend to charge a commission of about $5 a bond if you buy less than 10 corporate bonds. Your bank will probably charge a flat fee for government securities.

Whether or not to buy bonds and how much you should spend are questions you can answer best, preferably with professional

advice. For the foreseeable future, Wall Street analysts believe that interest rates will remain high enough, and bonds safe enough to provide you with a worthwhile investment outlet.
—THEODORE IRWIN

gardens

Thirty contributing editors joined Horticultural Consultant Jacqueline Hunter and me in turning out the recently published *Good Housekeeping Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening*. It's a 16-volume, profusely illustrated work containing —and I shudder thinking back over the proofreading—more than 1,200,000 words. The encyclopedia is based on and twice the original size of a manuscript written by the late Ralph Bailey, at one time garden editor of House Beautiful. To settle arguments, be consistent and simplify entries, we have referred all common names of plants to the Latin name. For example, you may know a certain red-orange wild flower as devil's paintbrush or orange hawkweed. If you look up either, you'll be referred to *Hieracium aurantiacum*, and there read the complete entry on this attractive plant. Is there more? Absolutely. On soils, indoor gardening, Japanese gardens, equipment, planning, lawns, borders, landscaping, patios, terraces, pools and the very latest and safest information on insecticides, to name a few topics. For further details, write: Good Housekeeping Book Division, 250 W. 55th St., New York City 10019.

Dog days call for mulches to cool the soil, conserve moisture and keep down weeds in flower beds. In recent years bark mulch has taken the lead in popularity, and well it should. It does a superb job, looks great and improves the soil's texture by enriching it with natural humus. Bark mulch is easy to apply. Remove grass and weeds from the area to be mulched. Loosen the soil, then spread the mulch. A thick application, four inches deep, is most effective for smothering weed growth and for protecting shallow-rooted shrubs such as azaleas and rhododendrons. At your garden center, you will find bark mulch bagged in different types and particle sizes. Use hardwood and softwood *nuggets* (¾ to 1½ inches in size) and *chunks* (1½ to 3½ inches) around trees and shrubs and as borders along fences, driveways and sidewalks. Nuggets and chunks are also excellent for planting beds of annuals, perennials and roses. Smaller-sized bark mulch chips, called *minichips* (¼ to ¾ inches) are ideal for walkways, for cushioning falls under playground equipment and for mixing with topsoil at transplanting time. *Shredded* bark mulch is valuable for mulching newly planted ground covers and other planting beds and for grass seeding on steep slopes where it displays a notable holding capacity. These and many other useful facts are detailed in a new brochure entitled "Bark Mulch: Natural Artistry Around Your House." It is available on request from the Forestry Research Service. To order the brochure, write the Service at 6816 Market St., Upper Darby, Pa. 19082.

Gardenia culture is no mystery, even though the plant may seem overly temperamental. While it does have definite cultural preferences, this tropical with glossy dark green foliage and velvety white flowers with haunting fragrance is also a plant capable of giving several kinds of distress signals when its needs are not being met. Black leaf tips are a sure sign that the plant is suffering from drafts of hot or cold air, insufficient moisture in the air or sudden changes in temperature. Yellowing leaves result from too much cold (below 60° during the winter), a lack of acidity in the soil (apply an iron chelate) or an attack of red spider-mites.

When flower buds form but fail to develop fully, the trouble may be a change in environment, insufficient sun or humidity, too much heat or cold, or soil that is too wet, too dry or not acid enough. Keep gardenia foliage fresh and shiny by showering with tepid water. Do this in the morning and when the weather is sunny, so that the excess moisture will evaporate quickly. This should be done as often as possible, perhaps once a week except at flowering time, when too much (*Continued*)



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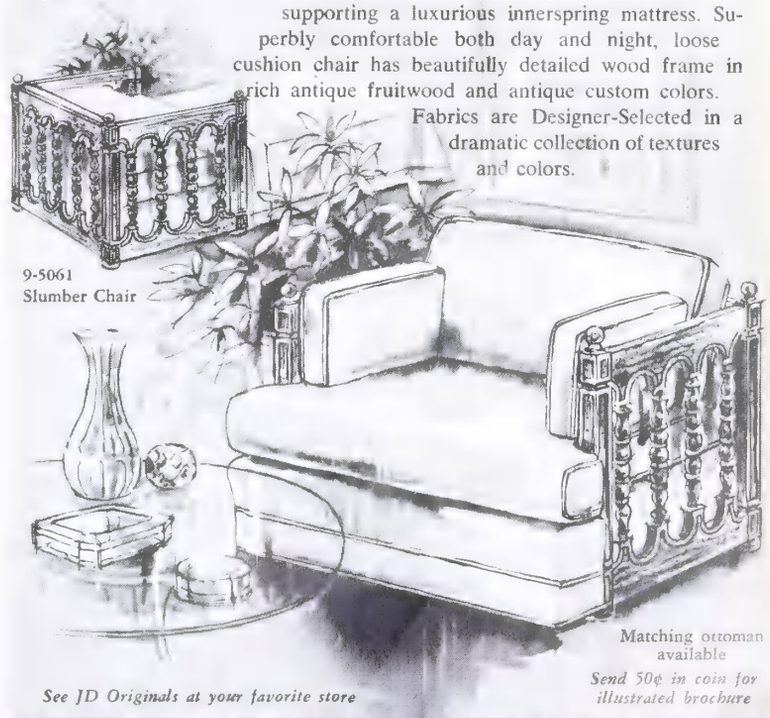
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water on the buds may cause them to drop prematurely. Regular cleansing with water and an environment that has ample humidity and air that circulates freely should be a successful combination that will discourage red spider-mites.

Plant explorers were never busier than today, hiking and jeeping into the far reaches of the world in search of new species for both ornamental and agricultural purposes. The United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service and Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., are the forces behind most of these explorations. From a recent 10-week journey to New Guinea and the Philippines, some 860 new genetic entities were collected—enough to supply plant breeders for several years. They gathered, for example, 137 groups of rhododendrons that will provide breeders with new genes for dazzling orange and yellow flowers and fragrance not unlike that of clove pinks. At the same time they picked up new impatiens from New Guinea with unusually large flowers and variegated foliage. These promise new dimensions for impatiens, already the byword for summer flowers in a shaded place. In addition, they discovered outstanding new aroids (philodendron relatives), ferns, gesneriads (other plants in the African violet and gloxinia family), gingers, hoyas (wax plants), bougainvilleas, mussaendas and hundreds of trees and shrubs. As with collections made during previous explorations, some of these species—particularly annuals and perennials—have been valuable enough to introduce immediately. Woody ornamentals take longer—as much as five years for fast-growing kinds, others 10 years or longer—before they can be propagated sufficiently for distribution into the nursery trade. Ultimately, the cream of the crop, regardless of plant type, will be found in the catalogs of progressive nurserymen and at your local garden center.—ELVIN McDONALD

address book

Here is the fourth installment of our Address Book Directory. The first appeared in May. Clip the column and save it. When the series is completed, you will have our entire guide to hard-to-find items and repairers of the rare *objet*.—JEAN BAKER

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We are delighted to announce a new book by House Beautiful's Food Editor, Helen McCully. It is her second based on the question/answer format of her monthly column, "Nobody Ever Tells You These Things About Food & Drink," for which the first book was titled. The newest is called *Things You've Always Wanted to Know About Food & Drink* (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, $7.95). This richly laden book contains uncommon bits of information you might never find elsewhere and a host of practical, always useful advice. Have you ever tossed out a pound of thawed hamburger because you thought you couldn't refreeze it? Or been afraid to eat a piece of cooked chicken because it was pink around the bones? Do you know how to get more juice out of a lemon or orange? The easiest way to sift large amounts of flour? How to use up odds and ends you thought were hopeless? The answers to these and many more questions will certainly help you save both time and money. In addition, the book provides a detailed description of the metric system which the U.S. is considering adopting. This is a big help in working with European recipes since conversion charts are also included. The book is arranged according to food families, with an alphabetical index at the end. Recipes pertinent to the subject being discussed are paced throughout. But, most of all, *Things You've Always Wanted to Know About Food & Drink* is exceptionally good reading. (Continued)

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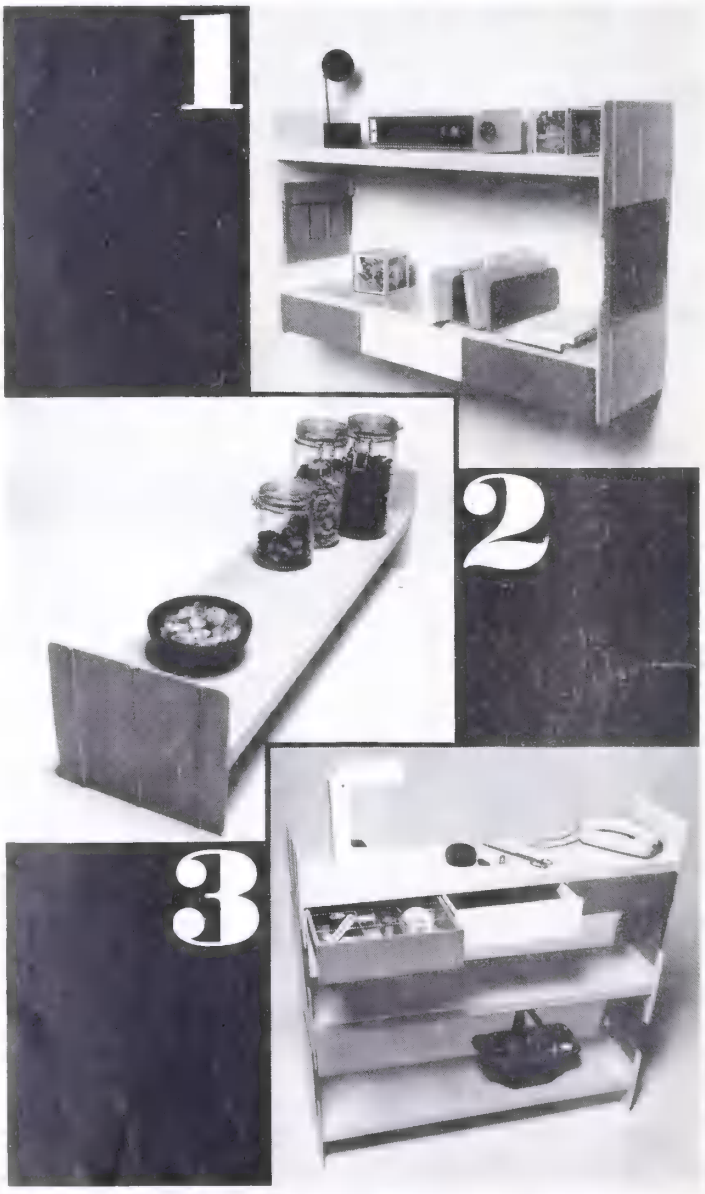
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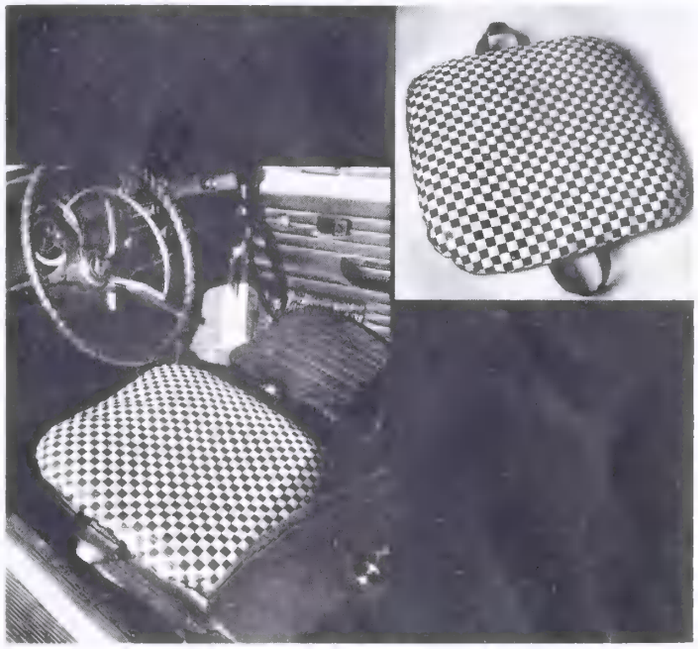
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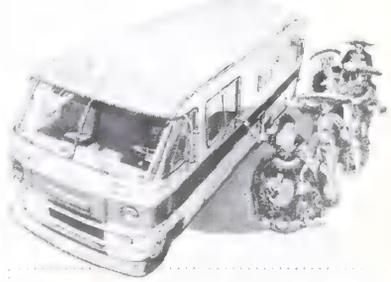
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MEXICO

By MARION GOUGH □ Thirty states and two territories, each one different as chocolate from cheese—that's Mexico, a feast of close-to-home foreign-ness for a *Norte Americano* traveler. Name your interest and it's here, from archeology to Zandunga dancing, from Spanish Colonial architecture to Indian handcrafts (it's one of the few places left on this mechanized earth where human hands haven't lost their skills). It spans the centuries from the 8,000-year-old Tepexpan man, whose bones you can ponder in a museum near the pyramids of Teotihuacán, to Mexico City's silent, rubber-tired subway system and the ear-blowing rock that young Mexicans adore. It's a magnitude of cultural mix, Indian, Spanish, ancient, elderly and new, layered and overlayered and as colorful as the Roman-stripe candy of Morelia. South of the border the word is *loco* for anyone who would attempt to define this in one short article. More than any other country I can think of, Mexico is where you are at the moment. Move on, and it's something else again.

Arrive, as I did lately, in Mexico City, and you're in one of the most magnificent, most

Mexico City—from Aztec ruins to silent subways

sophisticated of metropolises, parked, gardened, fountained and monumented to the nines, a place its own inhabitants use with lively enjoyment. You're 7,400 feet up in the sky, so curb your own liveliness and adjust to the altitude. I'm for going the guided tour route. Hit the high spots and then return at your leisure to what you like most. Unwritten law is that everyone must go to Teotihuacán to get some sense of the fantastic civilizations that flourished here so far back even the Aztecs didn't know when. Go when you've caught your breath and bring your climbing shoes. My own favorite high spots call for less exertion—the grand and glorious Zócalo, bordered by the 16th-century cathedral, Spanish Colonial palaces and arcaded shops; the House of Tiles, a 16th-century noble mansion, romantically haunted by all kinds of legend, and now Sanborn's pharmacy-restaurant-gift shop, with an Orozco mural; Chapúltepec Park and all its works—the melancholic 19th-century palace of the ill-fated Maximilian and Carlotta, the Archaeological Museum, which is a smashingly beautiful way to learn the past, the Restaurant Del Lago, spectacularly "sunk" below the level of a lake so that rowboats seem to be coming in the window at you. On nobody's guided tour but my own, there's an old-fashioned candy shop, Dulcería de Celaya, 39 Avenida de Cinco

Modern art and handicrafts, and big Sundays

de Mayo, wondrously tiled and brass-trimmed and packed with the gaudy, pow-colored sweets that are Mexico's specialty. This is a great town for modern-art buffs—the Museum of Modern Art, of course, and the Palace of Fine Arts, Orozco's murals in many public buildings, including the lobby of the Hotel María Isabel Sheraton, the most prominent Rivera in the Insurgentes Theater, and Juan O'Gorman's four-sided mural surrounding the library in University City. Sequeiros has lately masterminded a showcase for contemporary art as part of the still unfinished 1600-room Hotel de México, which is already dominating the skyline of the city.

Crafts in Mexico run a rich, regionally diversified gamut—silver, ceramics, weaving, embroidery, wood, lacquer, straw, copper, brass, paper, leather, onyx. Naturally it's fun to find them in their rural habitats, but Mexico City affords a good preview. Head for the government-run Palacio de Artesanías on Plaza de Santa Veracruz, where craftsmen actually work; Artesania Mexicana on Versalle, a co-op shop sponsored by the Banco de Fomento Cooperativo; Museo de Artes Populares, on Juárez next to the Alameda Hotel. Tane's shop on Amberes, recreating Spanish Colonial gold and silver, is like a museum visit. But on Saturday all good crafts buffs make for San Angel and the Bazar Sábado, a Saturday-only crafts market, open at 10, which lets you shop, lunch grandly at its Del-Mónico restaurant, shop again, visit the flower market, or go to the nearby horse races and top off Saturday with dinner at the San Angel Inn, a patioed colonial mansion abloom with good food, roses and the schmaltzy if high-decibel music of strolling mariachis (better acquire a taste for this musical genre or you're a goner).

Su lay in Mexico City is *glorioso*. Start at 9:30 A.M. at the Bellas Artes Theater when its spectacular Tiffany glass curtain rises on the Ballet Folklórico, a young troop that enjoys its native dancing with such verve and charm that I hate to call their numbers a little long-winded. Elevenish in Chapúltepec, gentleman equestrians put on exhibitions of Mexico's superb horsemanship, the riders elaborately bedight in the silver-trimmed *charro* costume. (There are schools in Mexico where outlanders can train in riding.) Bullfights go on

Meet the charros, the bullfights, the family and flowers

Sunday afternoon. But don't let any travel snob sell you off Sunday in the "floating gardens" of Xochimilco. You can boat on the canals, snack at the restaurants, browse the market, load yourself up with orchids and, best of all, observe Mexican families at their leisure, doing the same things. But then Sunday is family day in all the parks. In the Alameda, the band plays, the pinwheels spin, balloons float and family closeness is obvious. (Mexicans, men and women, seem to eschew the baby carriage, preferring to carry their babies in their arms. Mother's Day, June 10, amounts to a national fiesta, smiling mammas showered with *felicidades* and gifts and grandly fêted on all sides.)

This visit I put up at the Camino Real (a modern, fountained Mayan Temple of a hotel built around parks and swimming pools and boasting a Fouquet restaurant) and at the Alameda, viewing the park and the floodlit wedding cake monument to Juárez.

Outside the city en route to Morelia the scene changes fast. The road is slick Highway 15 (no billboards in Mexico) passing through brown earth fields. (June, July and August are the rainy months, meaning late afternoon showers and the land turning green.) Now the Indian look—bright-eyed girls with the

Long black braids and burros, zócalos and bandstands

long black braids, men in serapes, burros, the towns each with its church and *zócalo*, the village green of Mexico, shaded with clipped plane trees, centered with a bandstand for the Sunday evening concert and the (now diminishing) *serenata*, girls strolling one way, boys the other, under the eye of mamma. Morelia itself, tree-shaded colonnaded with *portales*, puts you back into Colonial Spain. Its cathedral is magnificent and the government buildings, including the tourist office, are housed in a grandiose complex of old palaces, schools and monasteries beautifully restored. A sweet-tooth city, it has a flamboyant candy market. It is also the capital of Michoacán, a state particularly rich in handcraft skills, so a visit to the state-run Casa de Artesanías spreads a wealth of crafts before you and might suggest arranging your itinerary to visit the villages and buy their specialties right out of the hands of the craftsmen. Morelia is for ambling, dawdling in the warm breeze, 6,200 feet high. Its Santa Rosa music school and boys' choir are famous, and on an evening at seven you can wander through the old church's rose garden and listen in on a rehearsal, watching the boys clobber each other over the head while singing the "Ave Maria" like soprano angels.

Stay at the Virrey de Mendoza, once a Spanish viceroy's mansion, to get the old-time flavor of dusky rooms opening on inner galleries. At least once, try a zingy Mexican breakfast of *huevos rancheros* or *chilaquiles* (eggs, tortillas, onions and hot sauce).

I excursioned to Tzintzuntzán—it is a pueblo noted for

its pottery (black or white) and fantasies in woven reed, because it is a national landmark (once the Tarascan capital and in 1538 the first see of Bishop Vasco de Quiroga, a Spaniard who became a priest in order to help rather than exploit the conquered Indians), but also because the name got to me. It means "hummingbird," a creature that looms large in Tarascan legend and design. A few roadside stalls mark the place, but what's important is off the road—*yacatas* or platform burial mounds of ancient Indian royalty, a 16th-century church and convent, Mexico's first olive trees and the village itself, where whole families, kids included, are at work in their mud-floor houses molding the clay, baking it in outdoor ovens, glazing it, decorating it. I visited the *Reyes*, all 15 of them—kind, hospitable people. Somehow Tzintzuntzán, past and present, puts the whole complexity that is Mexico together in this one varied place.

Also near Morelia is Capula—turn off the highway where you see a palm tree absolutely dripping in bougainvillea—a town that makes brown-glazed, flower-trimmed houseware pottery such as hangs in every Mexican kitchen. A potter's family invited me into *their* kitchen—an outdoor lean-to, one wall hung with family-made jugs and jars, two huge ollas cooling water, a pottery disk heating over a faggot fire ready to bake the evening tortillas. When I left, I counted 35 new friends waving good-by.

Out of Morelia, another excursion—to Pátzcuaro, the lovely lake that always seems vaguely misted, where the fishermen dip up its good white fish in nets like butterfly wings and masked young men dance the Old Men's Dance on Wednesday nights. Friday is big market day when the Indians arrive from lakeside pueblos

A misty lake, colonial furniture and white fish

with their produce and the weavings and lacquerware that they're famous for, but the market is lively and vivid any day and the town itself suggests what a country town might have been in the 16th century. Visit the Convent of the 11 Patios and its craft workshops, and don't miss the shop in town that displays all the local crafts, including the Patzcuaran version of Spanish Colonial furniture. (*Continued*)



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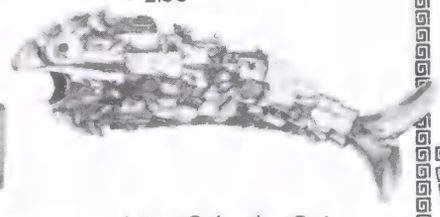
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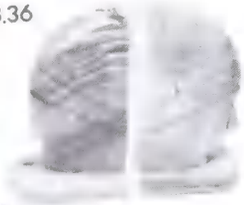


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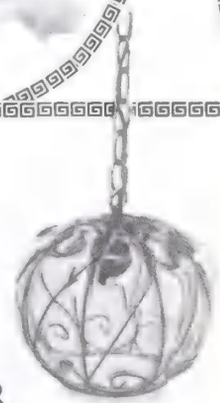
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You can also take a trip across the lake to see the fishermen's island of Janitzio where the ladies wear their traditional many-skirted fantailed costume and work their looms. Back in Pátzcuaro, I lunched—on white fish, of course, and beautiful hot rolls—among the orange trees and roses in the patio of the Posada Don Vasco.

Then on to Guanajuato—a strange journey punctuated by the polluting smoke stacks of Salamanca's oil refineries, ending 6,500 feet high in a surround of mountains. The colonial town is an uphill-downdale of narrow cobbled streets, church domes at your eye level, underground tunnels and scores of tucked-away plazas—enchantment in my book, all cupped in the silver-bearing hills that made the town the wealthiest during 16th-century Spanish days. La Valencia, the most productive silvermine ever, is still worked, but the deserted Guadeloupe is the thought-provoker, built like a mommoth pyramid by enslaved Indians. Towering over the town, floodlit by night, there's the statue of Pipila, an Indian who helped break the yoke. So much to see, so much to do here, from its bizarre 19th-century Turkish corner Juárez Theater to the grisly display of modern mummies in the cemetery, from Indians dancing with machetes to the best show of all—the Intermeses Cervantinos, excerpts from Cervantes plays, put on by university students in full 16th-century panoply, presented in the public squares with real 16-century houses and churches furnishing the stage set, horses striking sparks from the cobbles, real church bells ringing, real life reincarnated. (Produced March through May, and in August.) Silver, of course, is the big buy here. My hotel, a pleasant Spanish Colonial put-together, was the Real de Minas.

Mariachis, tequila, tacos and retirement

Guadalajara, home of the mariachis and the song of the same name, is Mexico's second city, modern around the edges, with a heart of plateresque and Churrigueresque architecture and a lacy iron bandstand in the Plaza de Armas where the leader lets the children conduct "Stars and Stripes Forever" on Sunday nights. Everyone tears to see the Orozco frescoes in the Government Palace and the Orphanage. But don't you miss the four-block-square, air-conditioned Libertad Market or the Casa de las Artesanías de Jalisco, the handsome showcase-sales room for the crafts of the state. Watch them blow the blue glass at the glass factory. Drive to Tlaquepaque, just outside of town, a place jammed to the gunwales with crafts and craftsmen, and prices are right for everything from silver to leather. This whole area, 5,200 feet high, sunkissed year-round, is a mecca for those yearning to retire among the flowers. Drive out to Lake Chapala and Ajijic and you'll see why (Neill James's house and shop in a semitropical garden got me thinking), and the Mexican government has lately relaxed its rules about foreigners owning land. It is, in fact, embarked on a program of restoring its colonial houses for rent or sale. Guadalajara has two hotels that are self-contained little resorts—El Tapatío, high on a hill, and the Camino Real, where I stayed, happily plunging in and out of the pool at my doorstep and, on Sunday evening, sampling every Mexican comestible from tequila to turkey *mole* from the fiesta buffet. Mariachis, of course.

Acapulco. I flew from old Spain to Beautifulpeopleland, where the in thing is sun-

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tanning, boutique shopping, watching daring young men dive off a precipitous cliff and sometimes diving into the spectacular bay yourself, attached to a parachute. Luxurious loafing and nightlife—that's the ticket here. I stayed at the delightful little Málibu Hotel and loved it, just as its in-the-know Mexican clientele does. For the ultimate in luxe loafing, there's Las Brisas, where (*Continued on page 86*)

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Acme Hardware Co. Inc., Dept. 1, 150 South La Brea Ave., Los Angeles 90036, imported hand-carved doors, panels and spindles, decorative hardware ($1 for door catalog, $2 for a 206-page hardware and bath catalog); The Old Mexico Shop, Patio 1, Santa Fe, N.Mex. 87501, varied imports, including furnishings and accessories, light fixtures, wall tiles, custom-made tin Christmas trees (*Continued on page 86*)

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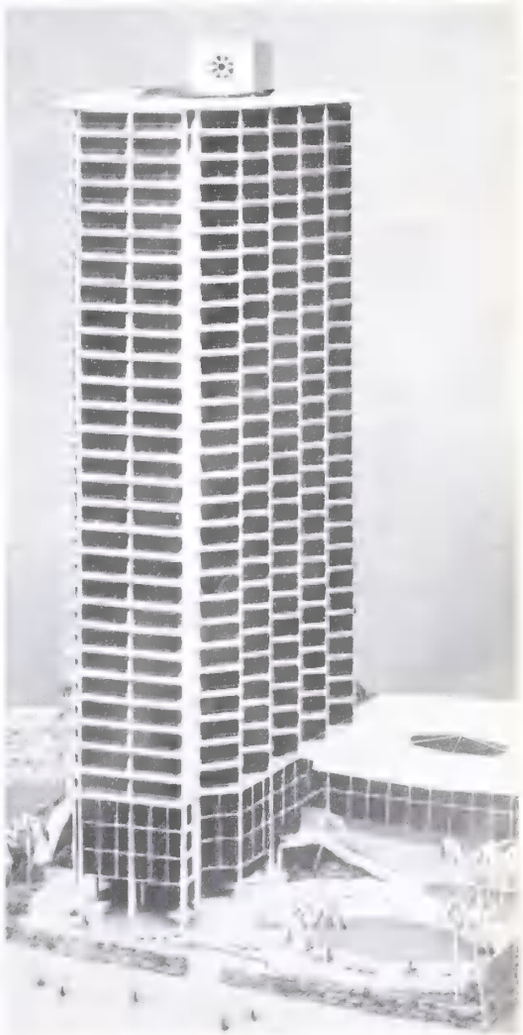
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Exploring the city itself could take you days. You need at least one day to visit Chapultepec Park, which, besides being beautiful in itself, contains the architecturally striking National Museum of Anthropology and Chapultepec Castle, home of Maximilian and his Empress Carlota. The University of Mexico, some of its buildings covered with murals by Diego Rivera and Siqueiros, the Zocalo, or main plaza, and the Cathedral, which dominates Old Mexico, all should be visited. A folder, "Mexico City," outlines what to do and see. Check box 1 for this and "Trips Around Mexico City" and the "Independence Route" discussed later on.

Hotels in Mexico City

The Maria Isabel-Sheraton, a large, luxurious hotel, is located on the Paseo de la Reforma Boulevard opposite the golden Angel of Independence which seems to almost soar atop its column, especially when illuminated at night. The Maria Isabel-Sheraton's bars and restaurants are the top gathering spots of the city. Mexico City's chic shopping section, the Zona Rosa, is a block or so away. Rooms range from $22 to $28 per day for two. Check box 3.

The Hotel Reforma, also on the Paseo de la Reforma, is smaller (300 rooms) and has been popular for many years. The rooms are smartly decorated, range from $20 to deluxe suites with sitting room, bedroom, bath and balcony for $42, both daily for two. Its Ciro's Supper Club, La Gruta nightclub and Farolito Lounge really swing.

The Monte Cassino, in the heart of the Zona Rosa, has charming, more continental-type rooms (150) and is very comfortable. You will see and meet many Mexicans in the Dolce Vita Bar. The dining room is good and there is a roof garden. Rates range from $12 to $32 for a suite, both for two.

For Colonial Mexican atmosphere, stay at the older Hotel Vasco de Quiroga near the Niza shopping area. While small, it is personal and has everything you'd want. On Sundays, they have a bullfight festival brunch. Rooms are delightfully priced from $10 a day for two. These three hotels belong to the Dubin chain of hotels. Check box 4 for brochures on all.

The Cristobol Colon, in the center of town, has been purchased by Melia hotels of Spain and is being renovated at a cost of about a million. It will be renamed the Melia Purua Hidalgo. In the works: a new lobby, cocktail lounge, and a new roof restaurant. Check box 5.

Dining in Mexico City

Restaurants abound, and in great variety. One of the best restaurants, Delmonico's, features international dishes on its menu: charcoal steaks, Gulf shrimp, *tartelette quiche Lorraine*, served with the best wines. Dinner here costs $10-$12 per person. The new Mauna Loa specializes in Polynesian food and atmosphere—flamingoes decoratively stand in ponds near the door. Expensive, also. Sanborn's is world-famous and has 14 branches all over Mexico City. In addition to being a restaurant, Sanborn's is a store specializing in silver and arts and crafts. There is a descriptive booklet picturing many items you can buy there or purchase by mail. Check Box 2.

Side trips from Mexico City

The famous colorful floating gardens at Xochomilco are just 16 miles south of the city (go on Sunday). The Pyramids of Teotichuacan, which date back 1,100 years, are also just an hour's drive away. In one day you can easily visit Cuernavaca, a resort since the days of Maximilian, and Taxco, a truly Spanish city with many red-tiled roofs and the best places to shop for silver in Mexico. For overnight or longer, stay at the luxurious Hotel de la Borda, another Dubin hotel that has a panoramic view of the area. A good room for two with three meals is about $34.

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The Independence Route

This route goes west and north of the city to the places involved in Mexico's long battle for independence from 1810 to 1821. Spend a few days in San Miguel de Allende where you can stay at the Posada Ermita, a lovely resort hotel owned by Cantinflas, the famous Mexican actor. Check box 6. San Miguel, a National Monument because of its fine architecture, is also famed as an art center. For example, you could enroll in the Instituto Allende for two weeks or more to study art, Spanish, Mexican or Latin American literature and crafts. Check box 7 for more information. The Escuela Ecuestre, S.M.A., a riding academy, is also there, under the direction of the internationally known equestrian, Harold Black. Jumping and dressage are taught by Black and his staff of superbly trained Mexican cavalry officers. Stay at The Hotel de Atascadero, right next door. Check box 8.

Next on the route is Guanajuato, a truly authentic 16th-century Spanish colonial town. Then, Guadalajara, an art and resort center with an ideal climate. Here, stay at the El Tapatio, a luxurious resort hotel in a beautiful setting. Rates are $24 to $80 double per day, no meals.

Returning to Mexico City, pause at San José Purua, a spa in a lovely valley surrounded by green hills and mountains. It's a great place in which to relax, take the baths and have a massage. Melia Hotels of Spain are also investing about $4,000,000 in the spa.

Acapulco

Acapulco's mountain-enclosed bay has a dramatic beauty, enchanting with the night lights. If you like a large hotel, pick the Acapulco Princess. Designed like an Aztec temple, it is stunning. The lobby is open-air, every room has a balcony. There are swimming pools, waterfalls, air-conditioned tennis courts, a championship golf course, restaurants and a discothèque.

Just the opposite, Las Brisas' *casitas* perch on a hillside overlooking the bay, and many have their own swimming pools —about $36 a day for two including breakfast. Here you can be as secluded as you like or go down the hill to La Concha, where you can swim in the natural pools, have a drink and enjoy the scrumptious buffet. Pink-and-white-striped jeeps are available. Check box 10.

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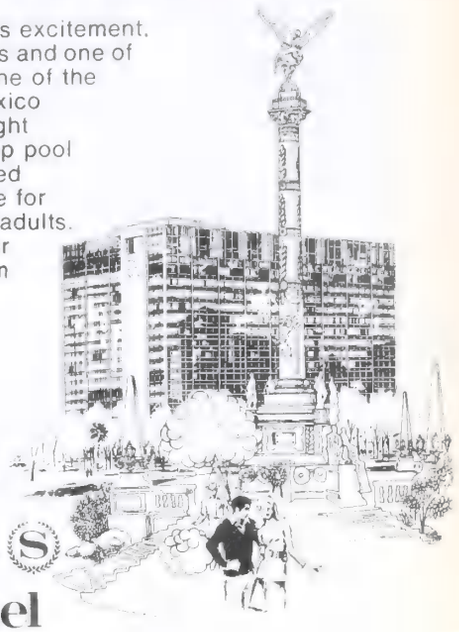
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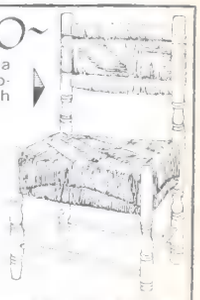
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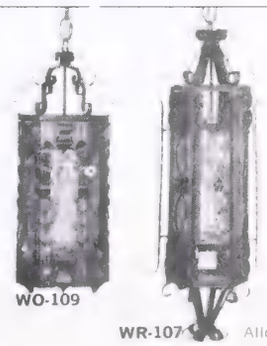
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Tequila et al

—exploring the drinks of Mexico

By EMANUEL and MADELINE GREENBERG □ The average *yanqui* thinks of a Mexican drink as a sea of tequila bordered by a shoreline of lime and salt. Of course, tequila is the *aperitivo nacional.* Fording the Rio Grande, however, one soon learns that most familiar types of wine and liquor—and many of the popular labels—are readily available in the smarter cafés, motels and restaurants. But government levies on these imports are punishing. If you insist on staying with "the regular," you'll be paying up to double Stateside prices. And you'll be missing out on a lot of the adventure and discovery of being in a foreign land, which is what travel's all about.

As it happens, Mexican fields, orchards and vineyards provide the ingredients for a beguiling assortment of alcoholic refreshments in addition to tequila. ***First,*** there's the justifiably esteemed Mexican *cervesa.* Some consider it the equal of German beers. Indeed, the quality of this brew is a dividend of the Kaiser's turn-of-the-century commercial foray into Mexico, just as the marvelous bread and rolls are a legacy of Maximilian's aborted reign. Carta Blanca, a light, dry Pilsner type is the Mexican beer we know best, because it is widely distributed in the U.S. It's a fine beer, but the preference in this corner is for Bohemia, another light, dry type. Dos Equis (double xx) is dark and malty; Tres Equis (with one more "x") is darker still, and richer. If your timing is right or if you have a friend in Mexico who's stashed some away, you may be able to sample Noche Buena, the smooth Christmas beer made only for that holiday season.

Unlike the beers, Mexican wines are *not* generally esteemed. In fact, it may be that they are maligned. In recent years, Mexican vintners have made a determined effort to upgrade their product—with a fair degree of success. Mexican wines are certainly not ready to challenge the "great growth" French and German wines or the premium California varietals, but they are agreeable and eminently drinkable. It's fitting that California-trained Dimitri Tchelistcheff, former enologist at the E. & J. Gallo Winery, should be deeply involved in this trend, since Franciscan friars from northern Mexico founded the wine industry in California. Among Tchelistcheff's achievements at Santo Tomas are a light, fruity Chenin Blanc (white) and a gutsy Barbera (red).

Rum is increasingly popular with the young crowd in Mexico, as it is in the States. Bacardi is the big name. The plant, in Tultitlan, bottles light, gold, añejo and an unusual *Extra* Seco not sold in the States—designed for drinking on the rocks and in highballs. A half-gallon demi-john of Bacardi, in wicker, is a popular choice of people who bring liquor home with them. More typically Mexican are Ron Castillo and Ron Cortes—dark and flavorful rums with fuller body than Bacardi. Ron Cortes is a bit lighter and is pleasant taken on-the-rocks, like whiskey or brandy.

It is in the liqueur family that we see the flamboyant strain in the Mexican soul, the part that breeds a Cantinflas. What a ravishing array of flavors, aromas, hues, shapes . . . and myths: Xtabentun (Ksta-ben-toon), essence of the blossoms of wild flowers of Yucatan that takes on a lovely aniselike flavor when distilled; Nanche, Chumiates and Tejocote, exotic liqueurs made from native fruits; Damiana, product of the Turnera diffusa, known to grow only in Baja California. It is a beverage used by the Indians as tonic and stimulant, alleged to make an *hombre* more *macho.*

Star of this part of the bar is, of course, Kahlua, the Mexican coffee liqueur known around the world. Three factors have contributed to Kahlua's vast success in the United States: the affinity we have with the flavor of coffee, the pert pre-Columbian characters in the clever, widely published Kahlua ads and the inviting Kahlua-based drinks. The Black Russian (one part Kahlua, two parts vodka, stirred with ice) was the first Kahlua cocktail to gain favor. There are others: Mexican Grasshopper (one part Kahlua, one part crème de menthe, one part cream), Torero (Kahlua and cognac) and the Tizoc, a specialty at the Hotel El Presidente (1½ ounces tequila, two ounces grapefruit juice and about half an ounce of Kahlua). Visitors are welcome at the plant in Mexico City but asked to call in advance (telephone 53-19-15).

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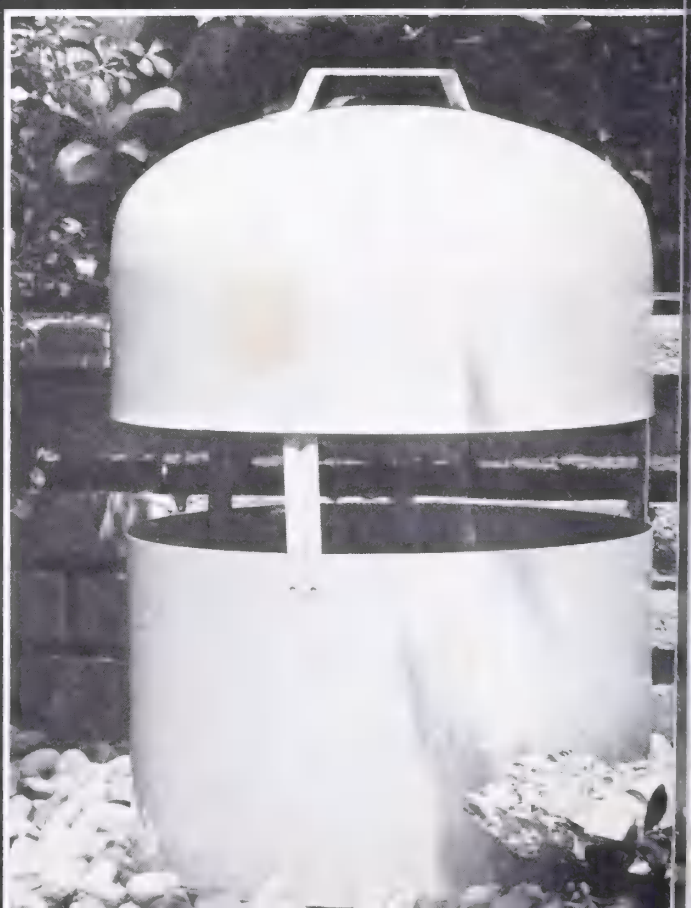




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To every woman who ever defrosted a "no defrost" refrigerator.

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afloat, ashore, at home & away

...IDEAS YOU CAN USE, MOODS YOU CAN CREATE

That gentle whisper you hear? That's summer breezing by, beckoning you to make these remaining sunny days expressly your own. There are, of course, two schools of thought on summer—the must-get-away philosophy and the stay-home-stay-cool thinking. However you choose to play the summer game, it is composed as much of place as of time, as much of your own chosen moodmakers—candles and flowers, ice cream and lemonade—as of the sun above or the grass around. It's a game you can play in a houseboat filled with happy colors or in a landlocked retreat stretching peaked roofs into the treetops, or right at home, with versatile spaces like the two above—a wind-cooled balcony on the California coast and a terrace table beside a Florida pool, each equally inviting for quiet moments for one or two or entertaining evenings when the whole stay-at-home world is coming for cocktails.

a 55-foot summer home on the water: HB decorates a houseboat where

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Editor NATALIE SCHRAM □ A vacation house that's free of real estate taxes, free of weeds and free to follow the sun. That suggests anyone's dream second home. Add yet another ingredient—the fascination of boating—and you begin to understand the current surging popularity of houseboats. For this craft is just what its name implies—a home afloat, a real marriage of space and sea. No cramped quarters, no lack of amenities. All the comfort of a house plus a special sense of adventure no adult or child can resist. On these and the following four pages we present the ultimate in vacation living afloat—a 55-foot Kings Craft houseboat custom-decorated by House Beautiful. The colors are primarily those of sun and sea, the interiors neither "durable-but-dull" nor cutely nautical. The result is an easy-to-care-for ambience for a soothing, easy-to-live-with summer lite.

For lunch, for cocktails, for Sunday brunch in a secluded cove, family and guests alike can retreat to the smashing dining/entertaining tent on the huge upper deck. It's an exotic effect, yet simply made of awning fabric trimmed in cotton ball fringe and hung on aluminum poles placed in tripods. Lots of foam pillows covered in bright, fringe-trimmed cotton duck provide lots of comfort, an inexpensive wicker hassock is a dramatic and easily movable server, the handsome plates are unbreakable tin. Down on the front deck (*below*), the overhanging roof offers its own tentlike protection on windy days, with colorful plastic tables and folding directors' chairs ideal for an afternoon of relaxed sunning.





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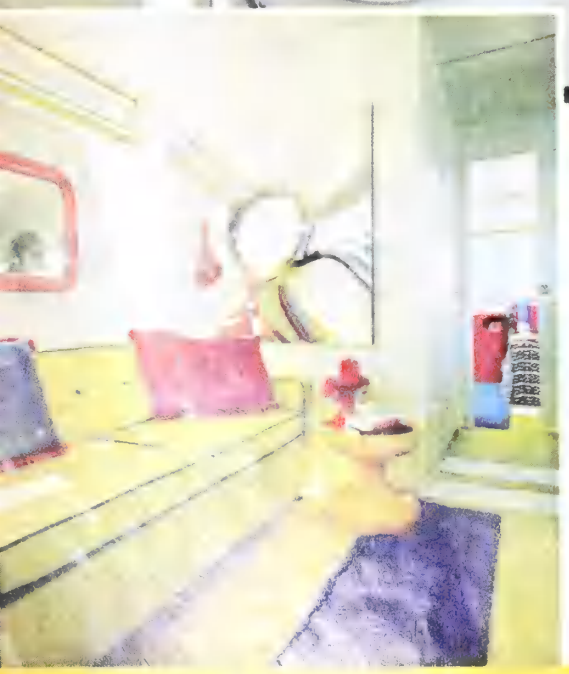
Build it in, screw it down, make it shockproof and waterproof—that's standard boat-decorating philosophy. But see here the impact bright colors and contemporary accessories can give to living quarters on the water. A boldly graphic Cabin Crafts carpet made of easy-to-clean acrylics sets the theme. In the pilot hatch/living room/guestroom (*left and below*), the lemon yellow of the carpet is piped in navy on a sofa that converts to a bed for guests, and on the cushions for the lounger/bed built over a storage compartment. The steering console (*below at right*) seems almost a pop art composition in this setting, the plastic tables and chairs are shockproof, easy to store in bad weather—and eye-catching accessories. In the master bedroom (*above*), a blue link design on the double bed introduces a new pattern. Plastic stacking tables pick up the red of the geraniums, with throw pillows and a striped quilt offering still more of those accessorizing reds and oranges and greens. The walls are in glistening white paneling by U.S. Plywood. The old-timey pullback curtains were replaced with flame-resistant, washable shades, striped in yellow vinyl-coated cloth tape, to keep out glare or lend coziness in the rain.





interior colors sparkle with the brilliance of sun and water







a houseboat's joy: space to gladden any landlubber's heart



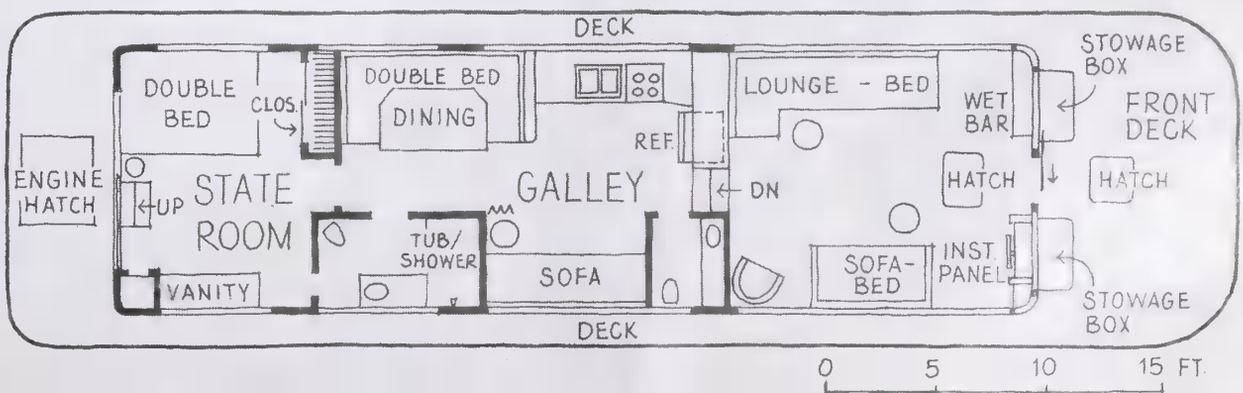
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Speeding along at 35 miles an hour, slowly cruising to keep pace with swimmers jumping off the decks or stopped for a weekend in a safe harbor—this is a well-equipped home planned for easy living. The handsome galley (*near left*) is a cook's dream with a 15-cubic-foot General Electric refrigerator with icemaker, a deluxe Princess electric stove with three rotisseries in the oven and an exhaust hood overhead, and a stainless steel double sink. Every inch of space has been put to use for storage, including one shallow drawer under the oven. The work areas are topped with a sturdy plastic laminate and—after all, every day might not be as beautiful as the one seen here—edged with runners to make sure no great soufflé falls to the floor when waves are high.

A rounded serving counter separates the food preparation center from a built-in dinette (*far left*) at the other end of the 17-foot-long galley area. The cushions repeat the blue link design of the bedspread in the master bedroom just beyond (see *plan below*), and the table lowers to seat height to make still another double bed. On the opposite wall, a niche between the two bathrooms has been turned into an intimate seating area (*far left below*) for quiet reading or a little kibitzing while the cook is preparing dinner. This niche can be ordered with a two-bunk bed, but here it is fitted with a match-mate sofa to the one in the living room. Overhead, an orange-framed mirror is reflected in a shiny graphic by Ron Fritts, whose works are seen throughout the boat.

The master bath (*left*) has a tub and shower and a spacious built-in storage area for linens. The colors are again in the dominant blue, yellow and white, with a deep blue shower curtain and nylon Cabin Crafts rug, Marguerite Stix' stunning vinyl wallpaper of blue shells on a yellow background. The white shade is trimmed here with blue tape and the make-up mirror framed in sculptural blue plastic.

As spacious and gracious as this custom-decorated houseboat is, there's more to living on the water than surface appearance—and this 55-foot home cruiser has all the essentials to make an on-the-water home mechanically convenient. The family skipper might be more interested in the twin 22 hp. engines with outdrives, 180 gallon-capacity fuel system or the depth sounders, collision bulkhead or Danforth White compass, but the captain's lady would probably prefer to know that her boating parties will include the amenities of a custom central heating/cooling system, a pressurized fresh-water system with 250-gallon capacity—enough for a boatload full of after-swim showers and Scotch and waters—an eight-track stereo tape system with four speakers and a built-in wet bar and liquor storage cabinet. And, of course, as any boat should have—there's a dependable anchor for stopping where the sunning is good or the view terrific.



the CRISP LOOK OF SUMMER





Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ Snow white—and lots of it—crisped with cool blue, green and the tangy zest of citron. It's the palette of summertime, the well-known striper of beach umbrellas, awnings and the casual furnishings of vacation living. But used as Designer Rosemary Robinson has used it in a resort house on the Florida Gulf Coast, an almost totality of white slashed with summer color is a stylish, cooling setoff for a mix of sophisticated furnishings—Regency, Chinese, Empire, Victorian, modern—all fine possessions of owners who opt to live the resort life with urbanity. The psychology of coolness prevails. Dazzling white, Bermudian, the house is framed in foliage (*near right*). Slender stair spirals airily in a high-ceilinged, tiled hall (*above*). And the lanai, open to a Gulf-side garden, is a composition of breezy treillage, from the actual lattice walls to the open patterns of ceiling, chairs and fabrics.

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DETAILS DISCLOSE THE PRESENCE OF A KNOWLEDGEABLE HAND







The living room is a clean-sweep refreshment, overlooking a shaded porch with a view to the Gulf beyond. The room-wide window opening is framed in a trim *cantonnière* of stretched cotton, a substitute for the fussiness of curtains. The designer has used furniture that tends toward small scale as a means of achieving a sense of uncluttered, open breeziness. See the almost doll-size chairs *(near right)*, the pretty little mantel *(left)*, washed a sea-water blue. Accessories are few and shiny-cool, chiefly drawn from the owner's blue-and-white Chinese porcelain collection, their color the cue to the upholstery, the painted table base and provincial ladderbacks. Mint-green paneling sets off an important cache of blue and white in the dining room, *(far right)*, with painted host chairs catching the Cantonese duck's porcelain gleam. A rare plate stand holds more Cantonware.









packaged escape...a one-room weekend retreat

The search for good design plus convenience in space-squeeze situations is a constant challenge. Here's one answer, an energetic, tightly woven retreat with kitchen, bedroom and living room neatly rolled into one. Designed by Carrie Ahrens and Michelle Wiser of the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and interpreted here by Michael Love, it's the winning entry in a student competition (sponsored by Simmons, Allied Chemical and the National Society of Interior Designers' Educational Foundation) for the most imaginative multipurpose room.

Throughout, storage shelves crop up in unusual places, holding wine racks and luggage above a bicycle, telephone and mixing bowls beneath the windows. The room is coordinated by a brown, black and white theme, with walls and cabinets finished in Planktex by U.S. Plywood, a boldly striped Simmons Hide-A-Bed sofa treated with A.C.T. Fabric Finish and a Regal area rug over Deering Milliken carpet tiles. American Olean ceramic tiles repeat the theme on table, counter, window sills and niches. And with all this space-saving, there's room for a full-sized kitchen with a Tappan electronic oven, a Frigidaire three-door refrigerator-freezer and a Corning cooktop set into the counter.

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A QUIET HIDEAWAY FOR SUMMER

their own resort—at home





MARIS/SEMEL

Editor NANCY CRAIG ☐ The best getaway houses in the world have one detractor in common: It's that so-frantic put-together of clothing and other personal effects on departure—and repeated before you start home—always with the nagging feeling that you're going to leave something necessary behind. Here that problem has been solved simply by locating a summer living space and pool (*left*) in an open area at the edge of the property, within easy walking distance of the main house. Architects Robert A.M. Stern and John S. Hagmann included a latter-day screened porch and kitchen (*far left and below*) to serve as the family's balmy-weather living and dining room, along with laundry facilities and a pair of dressing rooms (*next page*). Subdued night lighting inside the screened room permits the floodlit pool and the green trees beyond (*below*) to bound the space at all times. The diagonal form of the pool house emphasizes the view along the length of the property and relates the structure to the traditional gable shape of the roof on the main house. At the same time, it introduces both light and air from the north without sacrificing privacy.





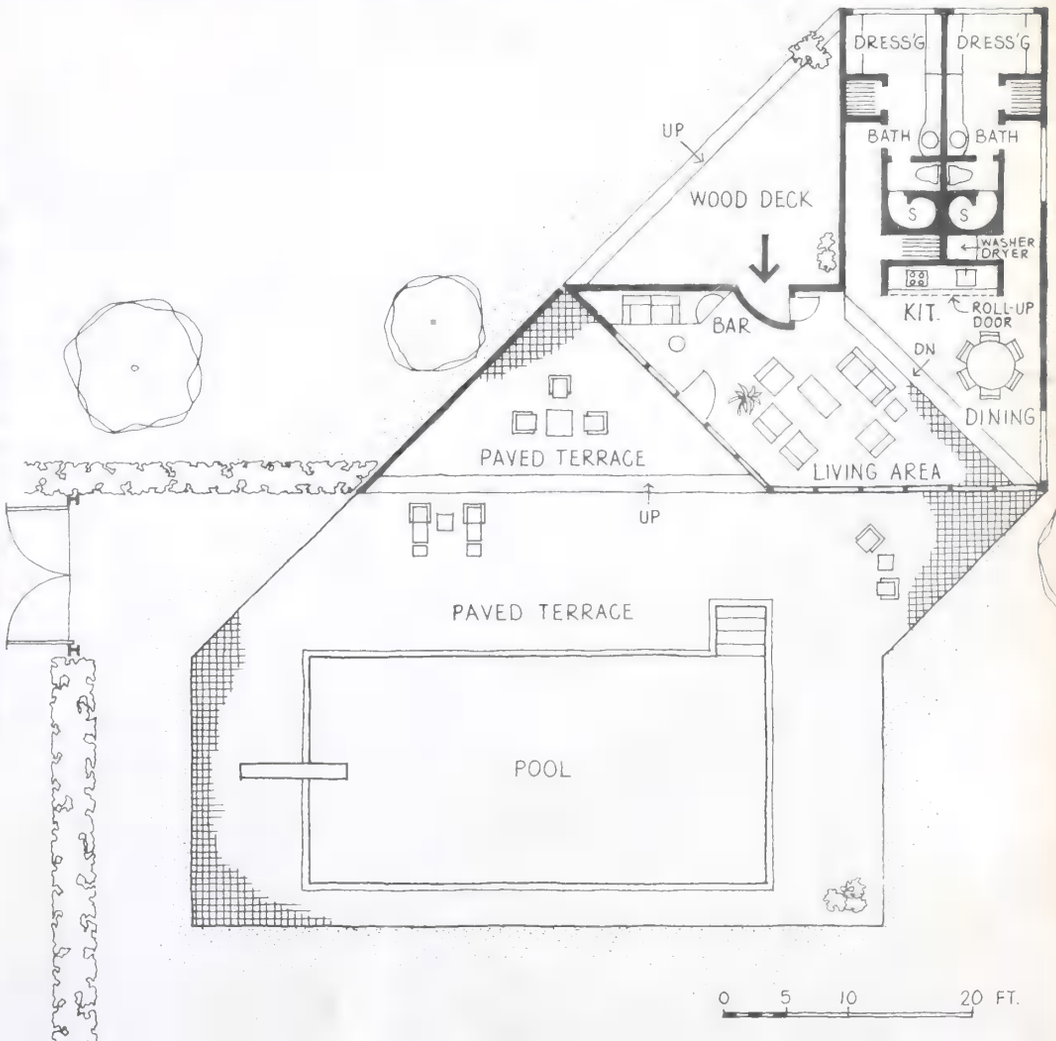






In the dressing rooms (*left*) the over-all architectural pattern is repeated both in the graphic designs by Steven M. Foote and in easy-care decking laid on the diagonal for floors and built-in seating. Wooden pegs give space for hanging up clothing, and sky-domes in the ceilings open these rooms to the outdoors. Inside and out, the pool house was planned for minimum year-round maintenance. At the main entrance (*above*), the half-circle, two-story wall is a study in interrelating curves and angles above a wooden deck stepping up from the surrounding landscape. White ceramic tubs of red geraniums and vinca and planting beds mulched with wooden chips provide low-upkeep color and greenery. Awning windows on the dressing rooms (*inset above*) give shade and ventilation in summer yet close securely in winter. A roll-up metal door (*see plan at right*) protects kitchen appliances during cold weather. To relate to the colors used on the main house, the cedar-shingled exterior walls are painted white and the roof shingles are stained a soft shade of gray.

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easy living wears a coat of happy colors

FROM GARAGE TO CABANA

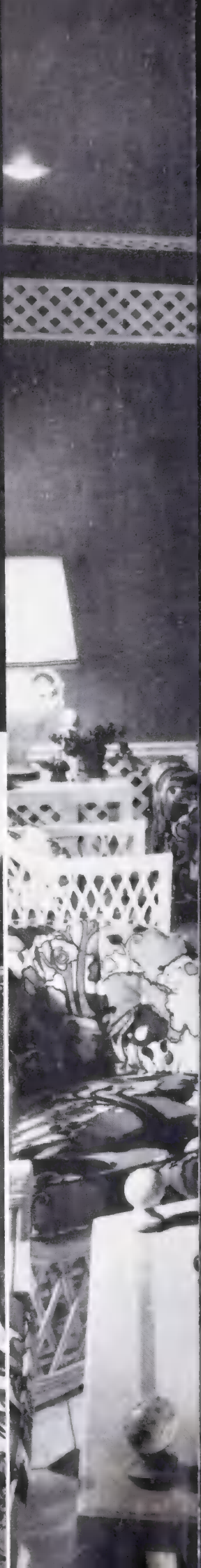
for parties perennial

Once upon a time, in Beverly Hills, the airy poolside pavilion below was a stolid, six-stalled stable for fine automobiles. The original utilitarian structure *(left)* presented such a drab scene through the windows of the main house that its new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald H. Cohen—with more penchant for people than for motor cars—commissioned Designer Frank K. Pennino to turn it into this latticed, light-filled party place. Eschewing an earlier scheme to tear down the old building and start anew, Pennino extended the tiled roof over existing bath and dressing facilities to give the cabaña a longer, lower look and more balanced proportions. Closed off, two parking stalls continue to function as garages but the other four were removed to create this cool, spacious entertaining area *(right)*, with a commodious bar for buffet serving. Large glass doors slide back into concealed pockets to open the interior space to the adjacent pool deck. Inside, the walls are painted apple green to complement the latticing and wicker furniture as well as the crisp, fresh-picked look of the custom fabric. The vinyl flooring is impervious to tracked-in water; the ceiling fan is from a wrecking yard.

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PERSONAL TRIUMPH OF COLOR & SCALE



Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ A very special house, this, an 18th-century landmark in a hidden mews in New York's Greenwich Village, once possibly a billet for Lafayette's officers. In remodeling it for modern convenience, its designer-owner, William Turner of Joseph Braswell Associates, has given it the quality of a late 18th-century London townhouse. The four-story house is a mere 13½ feet wide at front, 17 feet wide at back, its ceiling seven feet, eight inches high, so its transformation called for every space-expanding dodge Turner and his architect, William Trautman, could dream up. In the living room (*left and below*), a mirrored wall doubles the apparent width. Bolection molding around the fireplace substitutes for a space-greedy mantel. The full floor-to-ceiling shutters increase the illusion of height, and hidden strip lighting in the window soffits creates an effect of depth. The glass-paned cabinets (*below*) hold stereo and tapes. The sparsely furnished, uncarpeted dining room (*right*) is enriched with the space-saving elegancies of silk walls and a classic over-mantel sculpture.

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When Turner discovered that his prize 18th-century house was firmly footed on a 17th-century farmhouse foundation, he extended the on-grade cellar to create a guestroom (*left*). The highrise sofa sleeps two, a trundle concealed underneath. Filling corners and appearing to be mirror-sheathed screens, a pair of armoires provide storage space while performing the mirror trick of opening up space. A rosy chintz, canvas wallcovering and geometric wall-to-wall carpeting turned a tiny hall room into a cozy little sitting room (*far left below*), its sofa another trundle for two overnight guests. Under the bookshelves, a slither of a cabinet holds bridge tables and chairs. A mirror wall behind the sofa duplicates space—the same kind of optical illusion used in two walls of the master bedroom (*near left below*). Natural muslin, hung from grommets, drapes walls, backdrops an over-the-hearth gilded Regency lion-head cartouche, is pulled back over the mirror walls to canopy the chests that hold TV, books and clothing. The skinny gilt bedstead, a Giacometti-like heightener, suggests sculpture. The house is wider in back than in front. To "true up" the tangential wall, space was turned into storage cabinets—mirrored, like all the stairwell, so the area seems deeper, wider (*near right above*). Curving the master bedroom wall (*above far right*) also creates visual straightness. Extraordinary color choices make the little house memorable—a pungent taxicab yellow in the living room, and in the added guestroom a melon contrived by mixing the yellow and red of striped tulips, colors that coincidentally open up space. The kitchen wallpaper (*right*) is a mini-pattern of the vinyl floor. Bordering valance conceals air conditioning and ventilator—one more trick to make every inch of space count.





VISUAL TRICKERY CONQUERS THE YARDSTICK

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It's a romanticism sleeked to bare-bones softness, a nonpastoral serenity that speaks of sun and sand, a calmer way with white, a return to beige and bone, a new emphasis on natural woods and natural textures. It's a blending of the textures of nature and the arts of the East in the poolside living room (*far right*) of the Naples, Fla., winter home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus A. Mino. Despite the warmth outside, all here is cool—blue and white, cotton and rattan, natural sisal carpeting. Designer Rita Mino had the long Parsons table custom-made to fit the wall area beneath her husband's painting, a stylized version of an antique Japanese screen, apt mate for the Oriental treasures he's collected. All is natural in the groupings above and at right, two of a series of settings by the design staff of Bloomingdale's in New York. Rough cocoa matting and white stucco walls backdrop the conversational pairing, with just a touch of chrome to keep solid rattan chairs and campaign chests from being too rustic for urban life. That sophisticated approach is at work in the dining area, too, a clean-lined composition of wood, cane and chrome with tortoise-shell napkin rings, tiny baskets of flowers and clear, see-through candlesticks.

THIS PAGE, BILL HELMS; OPPOSITE, JAY BARGA


...a
natural
appeal





Neutrals and naturals—the series of room settings and vignettes created by the Bloomingdale's design staff, under the direction of Barbara D'Arcy, expresses a whole new feeling that can only be called soothing. The natural look seems simple but derives its strength from carefully thought-out placement of each element in the total surround. The doorway at left, its walls intriguingly canted toward the ceiling, leads to a living room (*above*) by Miss D'Arcy that could be interpreted equally well in city apartment, suburban home or sophisticated mountainside retreat. The beigy tranquility of its raw ash walls and cocoa matting is broken only by the dark drama of African sculpture, a few white accents in bouquet, shells and lava rocks supporting a hibachi in the fireplace and the graceful tracery of spidery bare branches climbing out of rattan planters. An arrangement of oak-based banquettes covered in richly neutral nubby fabric concentrates seating in one large congenial area around a natural wood coffee table in chrome frame. Modular stacking units in natural oak provide practical out-of-sight storage against the back wall, the shelves filled with still more naturals—baskets and shells and dried flowers, interplaying with the subtle gleam of a few sculptural glass pieces.

FAR RIGHT, GRAFF GARCIA; OTHERS, BILL HELMS



A punchier version of the natural approach—not quite so all-beige, not quite so pared-down—is seen in a bedroom (*left*) by Fred Palatinus. Furnished in Bryan Palmer's "Founder's Keeper's" collection, room is built around a huge four-poster bed, but the usual four-poster frilliness and ruffling is completely forgotten in this translation in natural oak with cane canopy. The spread is a great fluff of white fur, a shaggy foil for the circular shaping of the half-round strips of natural white pine on the walls and the cylindrical lights shining in a corner of African masks. Relaxing—that's the word for Barbara D'Arcy's corner grouping at left below. It's a comfortable put-together composed of many contrasts—dark forms against sand-toned walls, shiny cone on rattan coffee table, gently curving chairs balancing strongly linear Parsons table. Yet each texture, each shape, each finish is thoughtfully woven into the natural effect of the whole. A potpourri of natural-look accessories by Tyndale is grouped in the still life below: an array of horns, possible counterpoints to keep a soothing room from becoming bland; a group of uncomplicated little lamps, the pleated shades (some in brown paper) interesting but simple; little tables, almost Shaker in their purity of line, the turned legs looking very new again; and the little touches—shells and baskets and dried flowers and a ball of twine.

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the look is calm—but without a hint of the old beigy blahs

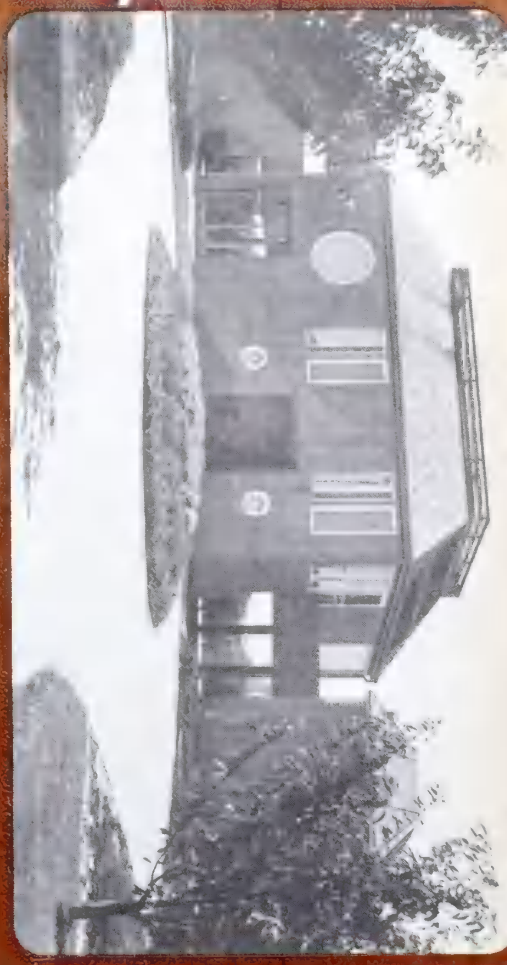




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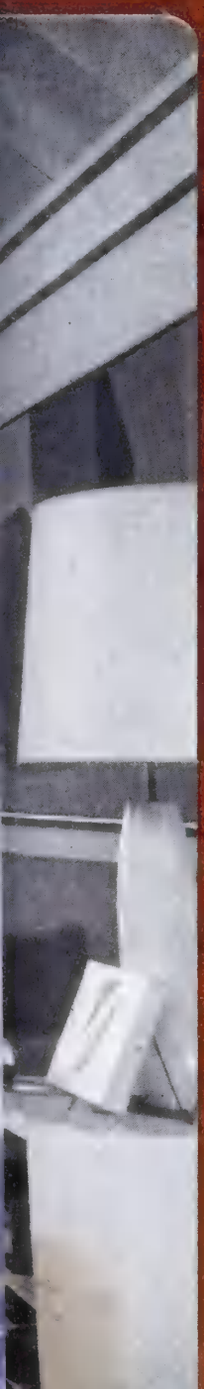
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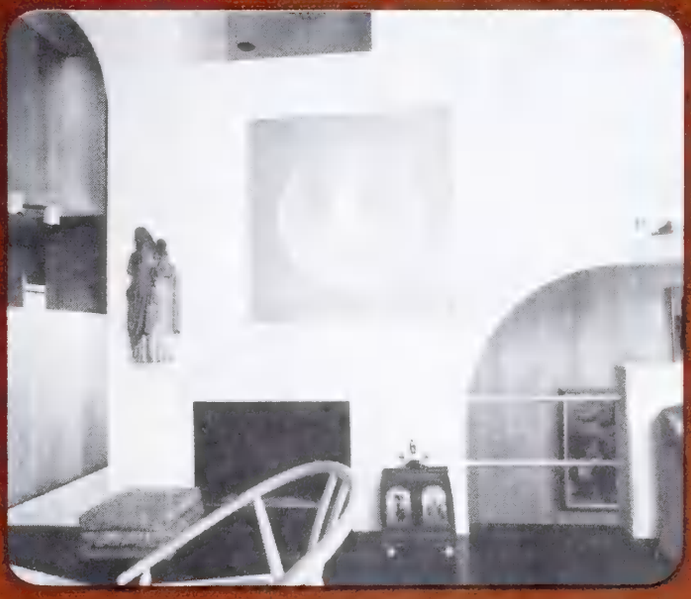










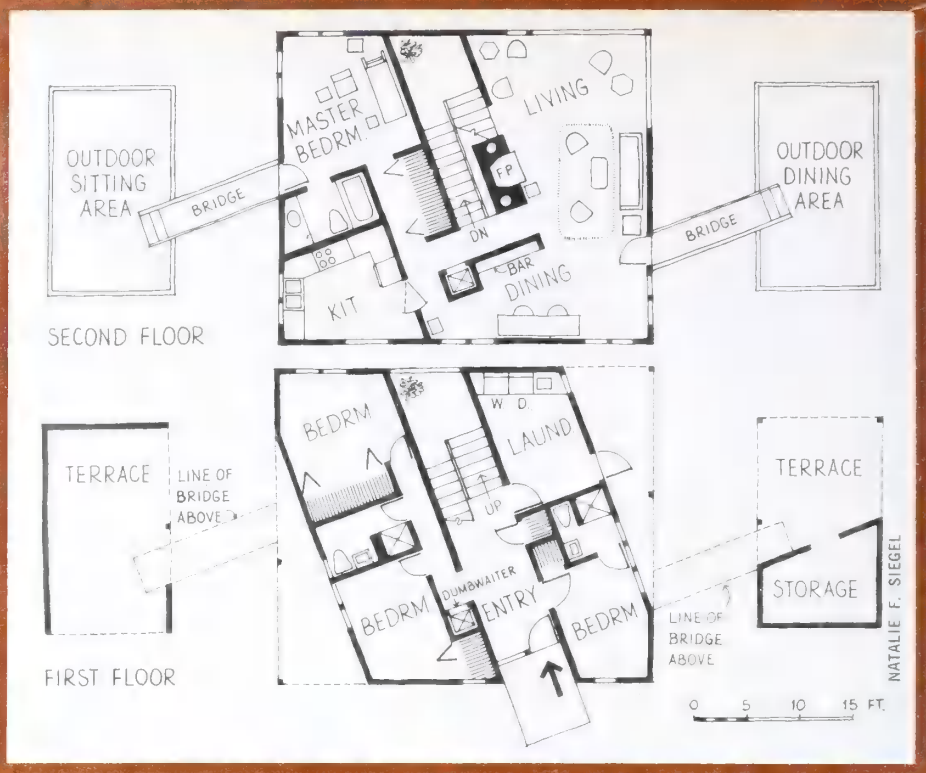




Looking at the outside of this neat, cedar-sided Long Island house (*top left*), two descriptive adjectives might logically come to mind—symmetrical and historical. You will see a lot of historic precedence in the classic mansard-roofed shape, lots of symmetry in the way windows are paired and the way identical side pavilions are reached by identical side bridges. But open up the Peruvian front door and any preconception of a traditional, symmetrical interior will fly right out the window. For inside, the walls do not follow the square or rectangular pattern you might expect (see *plans, next page*). "If these modest-sized rooms had all been a series of parallel boxes," decided architects Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, "you could go crazy inside. Angling walls, cutting through some of them, you get more mileage, more variety out of small spaces." And there is visual mileage, too, in the live-in sculpture and paintings that are showcased against the painstakingly hand-bleached cedar walls. "Art is the pattern in all these rooms," feels the owner, "not wallpaper, not fabric. And as we built, my collection just kind of fell into place." It is art that changes as light through the skylights changes, art to be enjoyed from many areas—taking one of its perspectives from the second-floor living room (*left and top center*) with cut-through fireplace wall (*above left*), another while mounting the stairs past the large Kunioshi canvas (*top right*) or the contemporized "Flight into Egypt"-themed stone carving at the head of the stairs (*above right*).

GRAFF, [illegible]







Views toward the world were just as carefully patterned as cross-views inside. In fact, before building, the architects climbed up on a ladder in a pick-up truck on the site so they could calculate just the height the second floor should be to give the master bedroom (*left*) sightlines across dunes to the sea. The downstairs is mostly guest and grandchildren's territory, and once the owner is upstairs, it's easy to stay there. A dumbwaiter can ferry grocery deliveries up to the kitchen. To be outdoors, she and friends can simply cross bridges to the dining and the sitting-sunning pavilions. Furnishings? With a nice assist from Richard V. Hare, these found fitting spaces as effortlessly as had the art. The owner's brass sleigh bed she dates as "San Francisco before the fire." The rug is her needlepoint version of the Hans Moller painting above it. And a collector's good eye is obviously at work in the dining area (*above*) with its big Calder watercolor and, in the far corner, a finely carved house shutter the owner got in Madras. How does she find these unorthodoxly slanted spaces? "It's really the happiest house I've ever lived in. Every time that I go up the stairs, I feel a lift."

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at the heart of it all, a retreat with its own special views

RUM

it's such a delightful thing, says Trader Vic, because it mixes with almost anything—from sweet to sour, light to dark



I am not going to rehash everything that has been written about rum. Nor am I going to tell you about how it was drunk by pirates and Creole chippies and stumble bums. I do intend to give you a 20th-century roundup of the varieties of rum and the many ways rum can be used.

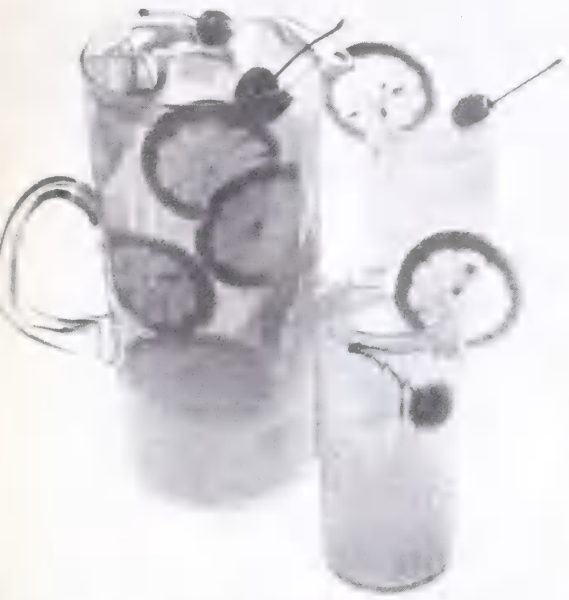
Rum and rum-making have changed a lot in the last 20 years. When Trader Vic's first started out in business, there were 35 or 40 rums in back of our bar. Most rums then were very strong, potent, high in proof and varied in quality. Some were acceptable, some were not. Today, there are more than a hundred registered brand names of rums, plus all the private labels. (In one little town in Germany, there are 29 distilleries busily turning out many varieties of rum.) But we stock perhaps 20—because most Americans keep right on asking for Scotch, Bourbon or gin, even when attending a cocktail party on a Caribbean island. They haven't learned to enjoy rum. I think the main reason for this is that rum has never really been a liquor people bought and drank as a habit. It has always been sort of a special thing, and throughout the world, Scotch, gin, Bourbon, whiskey and vodka are the liquors that are drunk, and that's it. I used to drink a lot of rum and made rum drinks both at home and in my restaurant. Then when we could afford to have help run our house, we gradually got away from serving rum. I can remember people coming to our house and asking for a Mai Tai and I would look at them kind of funny. And there the story is in a nutshell: You just don't *think* of using rum. So here we are going to go about doing just that. First, you have to know a little about the liquor. We will start with the Puerto Rican rums, the light, white-colored rums that are so popular today. They are taken from the first distillation of the alcohol—the tops of the alcohol that have a special perfume—and are light in flavor. The next rum coming into our country in any quantity is Jamaican. The dark, pungent rums of Jamaica are like a yo-yo, up and down as far as quality and flavor. Some are high in perfume (or "ester," as it's called), some fruity, some not so good and others thoroughly enjoyable. It all depends on how they are made and aged. (For me to explain flavor is really impossible. How does one define flavor—how long is *a piece* of string?) So next we go to the Virgin Islands. These rums are mostly light, but they're unaged and really neither fish nor fowl—they can't seem to make up their minds what they are trying to be. Some people like them, but personally, I don't. Moving on to Haiti, there is but one rum now imported that I know of, a very fine five-star medium-bodied rum that you will enjoy. Years ago, there was a Rum Sarthe, which was an excellent brandy-type rum in a small square bottle. You can't buy it anymore, so you will have to do with the five-star rum. There are quite a few rums from Barbados, amber-colored and light in flavor (but not as light as Puerto Rican), a sort of brandy type. They are good mixers for punches and nice drinks. Not too fruity, not too perfumy, they are very fine. Some of the Martinique French rums are imported by way of France, some direct from Martinique. They are dark and pungent, high in flavor, good for flavoring cakes, cookies and ice creams. (Both Martinique and Jamaican rums are used in food preparation and for making rum punches of the heavier variety.) Then we go over to Guyana and look at the rums known as the Demeraras. They are also heavy but nicely made, and they, too, have changed a lot in the past 20 years to fit U.S. tastes. I imagine that if you went to any island in the Caribbean or to Guyana, you would find that the rums imported into this country for sale are entirely different from those available locally. Some of the most delightful rums originating in the West Indies come here via the London docks, after aging and bottling in England. They are called London Dock rums and you will find this mentioned on the labels. They are of the highest quality and finest flavor. Less well-known in this country are the rums of the East. Light-bodied rums are also produced in the Philippines and a true rum, made from molasses, is produced on the island of Java in Indonesia. Nor should we forget the domestics. From Hawaii we have light rum of the Puerto Rican type and from New England the dark, pungent rum that New Englanders have been drinking since this country began. Now, you've got a bunch of rums and you're going to try to make a bunch of drinks. I don't suggest you make a Martini with rum unless you put just a drop of grenadine in it, but a Rum Old Fashioned can be a very nice drink when made with white rum and a dash of bitters. To start the right way: Take an empty bottle or glass, anything to work with until you get your proportions down, and put in some Puerto Rican rum. Then flavor it up to where you like it with Jamaican, Demerara,

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The author, Victor J. Bergeron, founded a Polynesian restaurant in Oakland, Calif., in 1934 and in the years since then has become known to thousands of restaurant-goers around the world as Trader Vic.

PITCHER



THE PERFECT LEMONADE

Lemonade Days, they're called, and what could be more natural than to bring out a pitcher of old-fashioned lemonade on a late-summer afternoon? It's a favorite with all ages, as American as apple pie, an anytime, anyplace cooler. Here it's ready for a sojourn on the porch in the bamboo-patterned "Nectar" pitcher and glasses by Iittala USA Ltd. Float claret on it (lay the bowl of a teaspoon just at the top of a glass and carefully pour in 2 ounces of claret so it flows out over the surface but does not mix) and it's a great brunch or pre-dinner drink, too. And never forget how nicely lemonade travels to a picnic.

6 to 7 lemons
¾ cup sugar
Ice cubes
Maraschino cherries with stems, drained

With a very sharp knife, slice one lemon into thin crosswise slices. Discard end slices and seeds and put the rest of the slices into a 1½-quart pitcher. Add the sugar. Juice the remaining lemons to extract 1 cup of juice. (You will get more juice if you boil the whole lemons first, but when squeezing these soft lemons, be careful not to get part of the bitter rind, too.) Add juice to the pitcher, then mash with a wooden spoon or potato masher to break up the slices and dissolve the sugar. Add 3 cups of water and the ice cubes. Stir until very cold. Taste and correct sweetness if necessary. Add cherries to either the pitcher or the glasses for garnish. This will be enough lemonade for four to five tall glasses, served over ice. To make ahead, store covered in the refrigerator and wait to add ice and correct sweetness just before serving. Stir well before tasting. If you wish, make a small block of ice by freezing water in a half-pint plastic-coated milk or cream container or in a frozen-juice can.

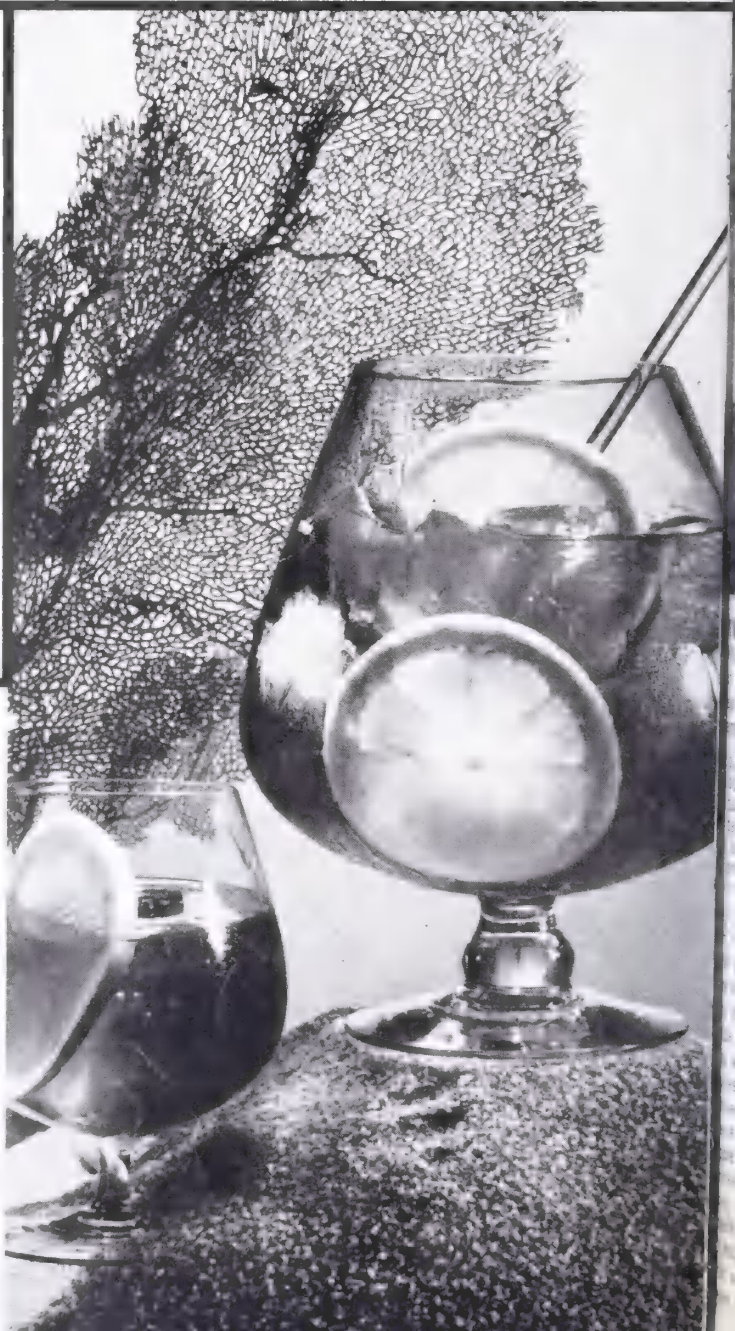


THE PERFECT FRUIT COOLER

Nothing could be simpler than this combination of various fruit juices—yet the result is a tangy, refreshing drink with a flavor all its own. Its hearty golden color takes equally well to colored pitchers like this deep green, nicely squatty example by Blenko or to the sparkle of clear crystal, glass or plastic. Glasses? Anything goes—but how cool it looks in this one from Dartington.

½ cup fresh orange juice (2 to 3 oranges)
¼ cup fresh lemon juice (1½ to 2 lemons)
18-ounce can of unsweetened pineapple juice
7-ounce bottle of ginger ale
5½-ounce can of apricot nectar
Fruits for garnish (optional)

Mix all ingredients together in a two-quart pitcher. Add ice and, if you wish, fruits for garnish—maraschino cherries, thin orange slices, chunks of pineapple or perhaps even peach slices. Serve over ice. In tall glasses or goblets, you will have enough for about six to eight servings. This juice mixture is also a good base for a summer punch made with white wine or Champagne (one bottle of either to this recipe of Fruit Cooler should be about the right proportion), over lemon or pineapple sherbet or as a base for cocktails.



THE PERFECT SANGRIA

There's a feeling of the exotic in this wine punch, born in Spain and now an American joy that appears on tables and terraces all over this country. There are many variations of Sangria, some calling for soda, some for peaches and other fruit, some for the addition of brandy or orange-flavored liqueur. We like this classic version made with a good dry red wine (a fine Spanish Rioja will seem the most authentic—and relatively inexpensive), but it's certainly a drink you can experiment with. Experiment, too, with pitchers and glasses. Its deep red color is great in almost anything—in a tall crystal pitcher at dinner (and it is compatible with most summer foods), poured into punch cups for the bridge club or served in our huge brandy snifter from Bloomingdale's and the large inhalers from Bonniers.

½ cup superfine sugar
1 cup cold water
1 lime, thinly sliced
1 orange, thinly sliced
1 tray of ice cubes
1 bottle of red wine

Stir the sugar and water together in a small pan and place over moderate heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until the sugar is dissolved. When the syrup just begins to boil, take it off the heat and add the orange and lime slices to the pan. Let sit at room temperature for at least four hours.

Just before serving, put a tray of ice cubes into a 1½-quart pitcher. Add the marinated fruit and ½ cup of the syrup. Fill the pitcher with wine and stir well. (You probably will have wine left over, depending on the size of your ice cubes and the exact amount your pitcher will hold. Use it for cooking—or mix, in the proportions above, with the remaining syrup for a refill of Sangria.) If you prefer, put only six or seven slices of fruit into the pitcher and the rest in your glasses. If possible, prechill the glasses. This will be enough Sangria for six to eight drinks.

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PERFECT...

and ready to pour, six ice-cold ways to beat the summer heat

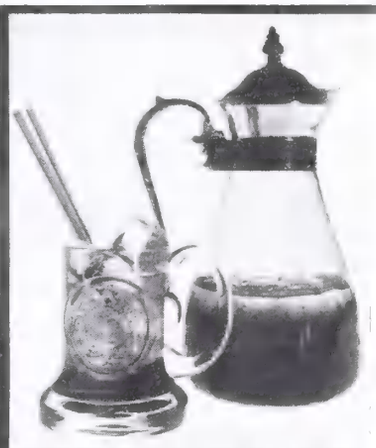


THE PERFECT CHERRY DANISH

A beautiful drink, this is—just meant for the sleek, sculptural beauty of the silver "Henning Koppel" pitcher from Georg Jensen, the sparkly shimmer of balloon goblets from Bonniers. Yet its beauty is made of ingredients very practical in origin. Because Denmark lies so far north, grapes seldom ripen enough to provide sufficient juice for wine-making. So the ingenious Danes began producing beverages from products native to their North Sea land—and this drink combines two particularly Danish institutions: cherry kijafa and aquavit, the apéritif made of grain or potatoes, flavored with caraway seeds.

9 ounces (or almost 1¼ cups) kijafa or other cherry wine or liqueur
6 ounces (¾ cup) aquavit
1 lime
12-ounce bottle of 7-Up
Crushed ice or ice cubes

Combine kijafa, aquavit and the juice from half your lime in a one-quart pitcher. Slice the other lime half and add to the pitcher with the 7-Up and ice. Stir gently, being careful not to mash the juice out of the lime slices. Taste. (This is especially important if you use something other than kijafa. Any of the many cherry-flavored wines or cordials can be used, but they do vary in sweetness.) If too bitter, add a bit more kijafa; if too sweet, mash the juice out of the garnishing lime slices (stirring after each slice is mashed) until it suits your taste. Serve over ice in your loveliest glasses. Makes about six drinks.



THE PERFECT SPICED COFFEE

It's cool, it's refreshing, it's coffee to please anyone who likes iced coffee—and perhaps even those who have found plain iced coffee a little unsatisfying. Choose a handsome pitcher that lets its dark richness show through—like this handsome silver-and-crystal combination from Sheridan—or bring out that silver or pewter container that spends so much time on the shelf. Serve it plain, over ice, or pour it over ice cream for a superb dessert parfait or coffee soda, as we've done here with a generous Dartington mug.

4 cups strong hot coffee
¼ cup sugar
10 whole allspice
10 whole cloves
4 small cinnamon sticks
½ cup coffee-flavored liqueur
Ice cubes

Combine the hot coffee, sugar and spices in a large mixing bowl. Stir to blend the coffee and sugar, then cover with Saran and let stand at room temperature for one hour—no longer. If serving immediately, strain the coffee into a one-quart pitcher and add half a dozen ice cubes and the liqueur. If making ahead (and it can be made the day ahead), strain into a pitcher or remove *all* the spices with a slotted spoon and discard. Add the liqueur (but not the ice) and store covered in the refrigerator. Just before serving, add ice and stir. Serve in cups or over ice in wine glasses, Old Fashioned or highball glasses. This will serve four to six, depending on the size of the glasses and the amount of ice in each.

THE PERFECT BOURBON COOLER

With a hint of this and a hint of that, this is a variation on all those Bourbon drinks Southerners delight in—especially nostalgic in Pfaltzgraff's blue-and-white ceramic pitcher and these Double Old Fashioned glasses.

2 ounces Bourbon or rye whiskey
2 ounces Dubonnet
1 tablespoon Curaçao
1 tablespoon Pernod
½ orange, sliced thin
1 small can pineapple slices or chunks
4 to 5 dashes Angostura bitters
5 or 6 ice cubes
1 2-ounce bottle of ginger ale, chilled

Put all your spirits into a one-quart pitcher. Stir. Add the orange slices and pineapple. (Your pitcher will look too crowded if you use a whole orange, but you can slice the other half and put directly into the glasses if you wish.) Add bitters and stir again. Then add the ice cubes, fill with chilled ginger ale and stir until well-chilled. Taste and add more Bourbon if necessary. Serve over ice, with an orange slice and some pineapple in each glass. This will be enough for six large drinks or about eight in Old Fashioned or Whiskey Sour glasses. (With narrow glasses, use pineapple chunks, not slices.) It can be made up to a couple of hours ahead—but any longer than that and your fruit will look and taste mushy. If made in advance, leave out the ice and chill. Stir well before serving.



FOOD & DRINK

COOL CLIMAX

fruit-laced sherbets and ices

With all the summer fruits in season—cantaloupes, honeydews, watermelons, blueberries, apricots, strawberries, raspberries, peaches and, of course, limes, lemons and oranges—this is the ideal time to enjoy our flawless sherbets. Whether you call them sorbets (as they do in France) or sherbets (as we Americans and the English do), we can't imagine a more delicious climax to a summer meal. The perfect sherbet is light, delicate and extremely refreshing—never too sweet, with just a hint of tartness. To serve his Cantaloupe Sherbet, Chef Soltner uses large wine glasses, wetting the edge of each glass with lemon juice, then dipping the edge into sugar to make a rim around the top. With a spoon dipped into warm water, he spoons the sherbet into the glass, mounding it into a "crown" on top. For basic freezing information, ***turn to page 89.***

By HELEN McCULLY

Chef André Soltner's Cantaloupe Sherbet

Alsatian-born André Soltner has the distinction of being the only chef established outside of France who has received the coveted *Meilleur Ouvrier de France* from the French government. *Chef de cuisine* and a partner in New York's four-star Lutèce, the restaurant's menu reflects not only Soltner's culinary talent but his extraordinary imagination and flawless taste.

2 cups sugar
4 cups water
2 very ripe cantaloupes (about 4 generous cups, loosely packed)*
Juice of 2 lemons, strained
Italian Meringue:
½ cup sugar
½ tablespoon corn syrup
3 tablespoons water
4 egg whites

Combine the 2 cups of sugar and 4 cups of water in a saucepan. Place over moderate heat and bring to a boil. Boil for three minutes, then refrigerate the syrup until cold.

Cut the cantaloupes in half and scoop out the seeds. Using a spoon, scoop out all the flesh. Place half the cantaloupe flesh in the container of an electric blender with half of the cold syrup. Blend until smooth. Pour into the container of the ice-cream maker. Blend the remainder of the cantaloupe flesh with the remaining syrup and add to the ice-cream container. Next, add the strained lemon juice.

Pack the freezer (see page 89). Then freeze until the mixture looks like "wet snow." The time will depend on the type of mechanical freezer you are using—an electric one or a hand one. Meanwhile, prepare the *Italian Meringue*: Combine the sugar, corn syrup and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat until the syrup reaches the soft ball stage (220° on a candy thermometer). With a rotary or electric beater or in the electric mixer, whip the egg whites until they almost form a shape. Gradually add the hot syrup in a slow, steady stream, beating constantly. Continue beating until the meringue holds firm shiny peaks and is cold.

Take the cover off the ice-cream container and add the Italian Meringue, stirring it into the cantaloupe mixture with a long-handled spoon. Replace the cover and continue freezing until the sherbet is firm. Lift out the dasher, scrape back any of the sherbet clinging to it and replace the cover. Drain off any water from the tub, repack the tub with salt and ice (see page 89). Makes 10 cups or 2½ quarts.

*Or 4 cups of any type ripe melon.

In the refrigerator: Prepare the cantaloupes as directed and purée with the syrup and lemon juice in the electric blender. Pour the mixture into four ice trays, dividing it evenly, and place in the freezer. Freeze until mushy. Shortly before it has reached that point, make the Italian Meringue. Take the mixture from the freezer, pour into a well-chilled bowl and beat with a rotary or electric beater for one minute. Fold in the meringue with a rubber spatula. Pour back into the four trays. Freeze, stirring well every hour, until firm but not solid.

Note the word solid. A perfect sherbet (or *sorbet*, ice or *granité*) is firm but not solid. If it becomes too solid on freezing, place in the refrigerator until it is spoonable.

(Recipes are continued on page 88)

GEORGE DE GENNARO





4 high-impact settings for THE GREAT COOK-ALONG

Serenity—isn't that what summer is all about? Here, the setting is an authentically Japanese (the Kasuga table a reproduction from an antique) that you may think you're in Tokyo. Not so. It's an American apartment, set for a Japanese dinner for two cooked at the table on an electric griddle, served on "Old Imari" plates by Royal Crown Derby. The condiments are engagingly arranged in multicolored Oriental dishes, the napkins folded in origami fashion. Crinkly paper lanterns provide subtle light; five tiger lilies form a "centerpiece" on one corner. Chopsticks for masters of the art, a fork in Supreme Cutlery's "Cabochon" for those who can never make it.

Let's all go down to the sea once again . . . where we find the 70s version of a traditional shore dinner. No need to dig trenches in the sand for this clambake—the clams, lobsters, shrimp and mussels are prepared in an enormous steamer to serve piping hot at this isolated spot. In contrast to the calm of the beach, a medley of color and pattern: red-white-and-blue Leacock tablecloth and bar aprons used as lobster bibs, Fallani and Cohn napkins; Italian blue-and-white plates; a tossed green salad; an antique basketful of French bread. When night falls, the four hurricane lamps by West Virginia Glass will add a gentle candle flicker to the light from the stars.







All the brilliance and tang of a curry party . . . given the exotic aura of India (left) and the practicality of an electric buffet cooker that steams the curry for a long, slow dinner. Also necessary—the whimsey to turn things about. Perhaps it was Aladdin (and his magic lantern) who beguiled this hostess into these intriguing switchabouts: A rich, red patterned bedspread is her tablecloth; brass ashtrays hold condiments; Indian cotton scarves become napkins, cradling forks in Oneida's "Madrid" stainless, and intricately carved brass birds—once oil lamps —now hold dried flowers instead of wicks. Chunky ivory candles glow at random on table and buffet. Glitter and shine . . . the setting for a contemporary indoor chicken barbecue. The chicken's prepared in the kitchen and guests help themselves there—or you can put it in baskets or platters along with the crudités, a miscellany of the freshest vegetables you can find (gathered possibly from your very own garden). Mushrooms, tomatoes, radishes, etc.—even the breadsticks—are served in Cornings' see-through stacking glass containers. An antique green porcelain cow and fanciful little dishes hold dressings; a punch bowl filled with ice offers a choice of wines or beer to pour into Seneca's ample all-purpose "Magnum" goblets □ *Editor* PHYLLIS BARTLETT

FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION

By JACQUES PÉPIN
THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

MAYONNAISE
—a royal family of cold sauces



One of the best of all sauces and perhaps the most useful in the world, mayonnaise is a suave emulsion of raw egg yolks and oil that lends itself to an infinite number of variations. Actually the forerunner of Hollandaise, which is made by thickening egg yolks with hot butter, Sauce Mayonnaise is served with cold foods—eggs, cooked vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli and artichokes, fresh tomatoes, vegetable salads, poached fish, shellfish, cold chicken. And when the ingredients are bound with mayonnaise, they take its name. Thus:* Mayonnaise de Volaille *(chicken),* Mayonnaise de Homard *(lobster),* Mayonnaise de Poissons *(fish). Although the classic recipe does not call for mustard, today it is used more often than not—and I think the sauce is easier to prepare.

CLASSIC MAYONNAISE

2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon tarragon or wine vinegar
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
1½ cups imported peanut oil, vegetable oil or olive oil*

Place the yolks and mustard, half the vinegar and salt and pepper to taste in a generous bowl. Beat for one minute with a wire whip. Then add the oil slowly, almost drop by drop, whipping vigorously and constantly until all the oil is incorporated. If the finished mayonnaise seems too thick, beat in the remainder of the vinegar. Makes approximately two cups.

*Or half vegetable and half olive oil.

BLENDER MAYONNAISE

2 egg yolks
½ teaspoon dry mustard
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons vinegar or lemon juice
1½ cups vegetable oil or half vegetable and half olive oil

Place the yolks, mustard, salt and vinegar and ½ cup of the oil in the container of an electric blender. Cover the container and turn motor to high. Immediately remove the cover and quickly add the remaining oil in a steady stream. When all the oil has been added, turn off the motor. Makes two cups. *Note:* If the mayonnaise seems to be a little too thick, dilute it with 1 teaspoon of hot water.

16 VARIATIONS

Although these variations are all classic, you can use your own imagination and combine almost anything you like with mayonnaise. For example, *Mayonnaise aux Câpres* (with capers); *à l'Estragon* (finely chopped tarragon); *aux Crevettes* (with shrimp); *aux Anchois* (with anchovies).

Sauce Verte (Green Sauce): Pick the leaves from 10 sprigs of watercress, 4 of tarragon, 4 of parsley and 4 of chervil. Drop into a pot of boiling water. Add 10 fine spinach leaves and blanch for one minute. Drain. Refresh in cold water. Drain again and squeeze dry. With a heavy French chef's knife, chop into a fine purée. Stir into 2 cups of thick mayonnaise along with 1 tablespoon of chopped chives. Serve with poached fish such as salmon or trout. *Sauce Vincent* is similar to *Sauce Verte*. *Note:* If all the greens are not available, omit those that are not and increase the others in proportion.

Roquefort Cream Mayonnaise: Whip ½ cup heavy cream until stiff. Fold into 1 cup thick mayonnaise. Crumble about 3 tablespoons Roquefort cheese, then stir into the cream mayonnaise. Serve with green salads or hearts of lettuce.

Sauce Andalouse: Combine ½ cup very thick tomato sauce with 2 cups thick mayonnaise. Fold in half of a sweet red pepper, seeded and chopped fine, along with 1 teaspoon or so of chopped fresh tarragon or chives or a mixture of the two. Serve with cold chicken or hard-cooked eggs.

Sauce Gribiche: To 2 cups mayonnaise, add 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped, 1 tablespoon chopped gherkins or small French sour pickles, 1 tablespoon chopped, drained capers, 1 tablespoon chopped shallots or green onion bulbs, about 3 sprigs of minced parsley, 4 or 5 fresh tarragon leaves, chopped, and ⅓ tablespoon chopped chives. Taste for seasoning. It may need salt and pepper. Especially good with fried fish or mixed with cold mussels when served as a first course.

Sauce Suedoise: To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add 1 cup thick applesauce and 1 tablespoon freshly grated horseradish. Serve with cold pork or a handsome golden goose.

Sauce Rémoulade: To 1½ cups mayonnaise, add 1 generous teaspoon

Dijon mustard, 2 tablespoons each chopped gherkins, capers, parsley and fresh tarragon or chervil and a "whisper" of anchovy paste. Allow to mellow for a couple of hours. Serve with sliced hard-cooked eggs, shellfish or cold meats such as tongue or chicken.

Sauce Tartare: Though Sauce Tartare is traditionally made with hard-cooked yolks (a formidable task) instead of raw egg yolks, this adaptation is equally good in my opinion and much easier to make. To 1 cup of mayonnaise add 1 tablespoon each of finely chopped parsley, chives, fresh tarragon, fresh chervil (if available), well-drained capers and 1 small sour pickle, finely chopped. Serve with sautéed scallops or poached or fried fish.

Gloucester Sauce: To 2 cups thick mayonnaise, add about 1 cup commercial sour cream, the strained juice of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoon chopped fresh fennel leaves and 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce. Serve with all cold meats.

Sauce Maltaise: To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add the grated rind of 1 orange plus the juice of half of an orange. Serve with freshly cooked cold asparagus or lukewarm cauliflower.

Sauce La Varenne: To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add ½ cup purée of cooked fresh mushrooms. Serve with cold fish or cold veal.

Sauce Sarladaise: To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add 1 tablespoon finely chopped truffle, 2 tablespoons heavy cream, lightly whipped, and a dash of freshly ground black pepper. Excellent with cold roast beef.

Chantilly or Mousseline: Fold ½ cup heavy cream, whipped, into 1 cup thick mayonnaise. Serve with cold fish, green salads, cold cooked eggs.

Sauce Russe: Add 2 tablespoons black caviar and 1 teaspoon of lemon juice to 1 cup thick mayonnaise. Red caviar can be substituted but it is far less delicate. Serve with cold salmon or trout or with lukewarm poached striped bass.

Sauce Niçoise: To 1 cup thick mayonnaise, add 2 sweet red peppers, seeded and finely chopped, 2 tablespoons thick tomato sauce and a few tarragon leaves, chopped. Serve with a cold bland fish or cold vegetables such as cauliflower, or hard-cooked eggs.

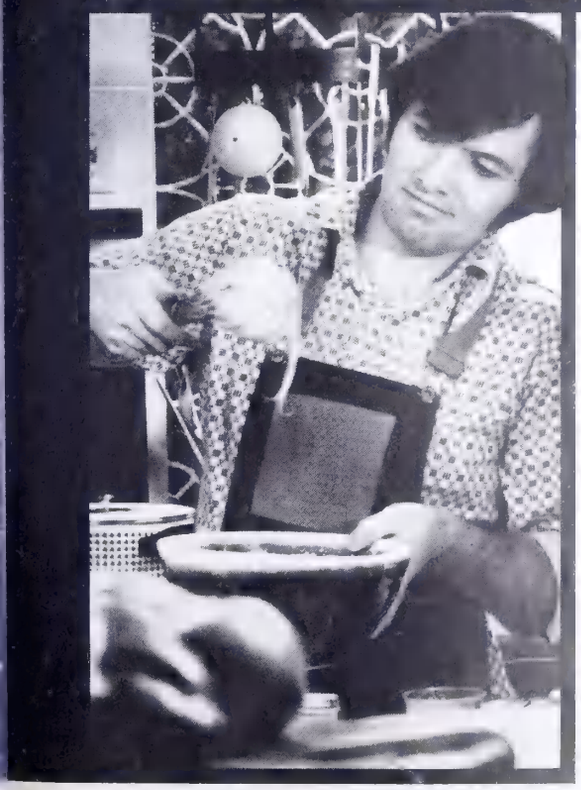
Salt
Good pinch of freshly ground white pepper
Juice of ½ lemon, strained
1½ cups olive oil

Scrape the pulp from the baked potato or peel, if boiled, and put through a ricer or food mill. Beat with an electric beater or mixer until very smooth. Then beat in the egg yolks one at a time, and add the garlic, salt and pepper to taste and the lemon juice, beating hard and constantly until the mixture is thoroughly combined and smooth.

Then begin to add the oil very slowly, drop by drop, beating constantly with a wooden spatula. When all the oil has been added, the sauce should have the consistency of a firm mayonnaise. However, you should watch carefully as you add the oil because if the sauce becomes too thick, it may separate. You can avoid this by adding a little lukewarm milk or water as you go along. Keep the finished sauce over warm water because Sauce Aioli is always served tepid with fish and especially salt-water fish such as codfish. Makes approximately three to four cups.



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Sauce Mousquetaire: Cook 2 tablespoons chopped shallots in ½ cup dry white wine until all the liquid has been absorbed. Mix into 2½ cups mayonnaise with 1 tablespoon meat glaze (meat extract can be substituted) and a pinch of cayenne. Serve with cold poached eggs or cold beef or chicken.

Mayonnaise Collée: To 2 cups mayonnaise, add ½ cup lukewarm meat or fish aspic, depending on how it is to be used. Thinner than a regular mayonnaise, it is used to coat whole fish or whole chickens for a cold buffet. Since it is prepared with aspic, it will be shiny and firm when set.

SAUCE AIOLI

(Provençal Garlic Mayonnaise)

A combination of egg yolks, garlic, oil and the pulp of a baked potato, aioli is known in Provence as *la pommade*—or the butter of Provence. It is served with boiled fish, snails, hard-cooked eggs, and certain vegetables such as boiled potatoes and green beans.

1 baked or boiled Idaho potato
3 egg yolks
4 garlic cloves, minced

To salvage curdled mayonnaise (either type): Put 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise into a warm, dry bowl with 1 teaspoon prepared French or domestic mustard. Whip with a wire whisk until creamy. Add the remaining mayonnaise by tablespoons, beating vigorously after each addition until creamy.

A second way: Add 1 tablespoon boiling water in place of the mustard and follow the same directions. *Note:* Even if homemade mayonnaise turns out perfectly, if it is stored in the refrigerator for too long a time, it will eventually break down. This is essentially the same thing as curdling.

To store homemade mayonnaise, seal the surface with Saran wrap, otherwise it will turn dark yellow, which is unattractive and unappetizing. Always bring cold homemade mayonnaise to room temperature before using or combining with other ingredients.

Addenda: Although it is rather rare to find homemade mayonnaise in most American private homes today, I should like very much to emphasize how rewarding it is to have it served to you.



GORDON SCHENCK JR.

What develops when an architect immersed in the day-to-day design of shopping centers, medical buildings and banks turns his energies to the design of his own home? If he is as sensitive as Joseph Amisano of Toombs, Amisano and Wells, Atlanta, the house will evolve as it has here—a striking visual and spatial delight. Good impressions begin at the front entry (left), *where the diagonal of an orange-painted stairwell is silhouetted against white walls in a composition as artistic as it is functional. Half a dozen steps away, the sheltering entry opens into the two-story space of the living room* (right). *This volume would soothe a confirmed claustrophobic, yet three virtually solid walls in the room provide a sense of security and privacy. Solid glass blocks in one wall* (also seen at left in exterior view below) *sprinkle light through the room while offering a fascinating prismatic glimpse of the swaying green boughs outside. To simplify and lower the costs, Amisano borrowed from the technology he applies to many commercial structures. Walls are load-bearing concrete block sprayed with cement stucco, and the flat roofs are formed with precast concrete slabs. Nearly all the floors are set with quarry tile.* □ By JOHN H. INGERSOLL



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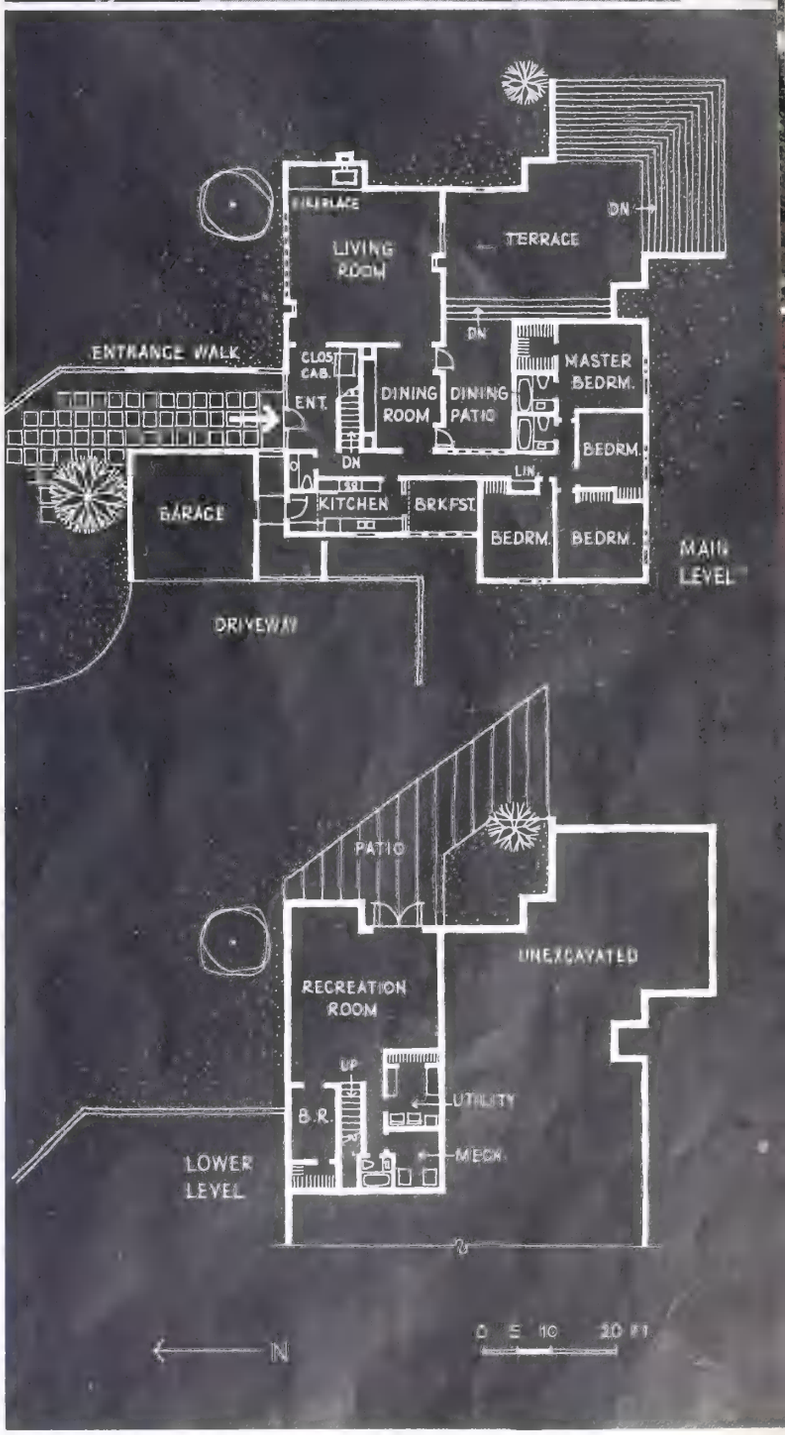
a house at one with the land, carved with the tools of commercial design











Comfortable weather in Atlanta begins about mid-April and often stretches into November. Taking advantage of the sun, Architect Amisano opened both living and dining areas to terraces, private from the street and overlooking a stream coursing through the woods. Hanging bamboo screens and breezes from the forest keep them cool even in midsummer, when, yes, it does get hot in Atlanta. Yearly, the Amisanos and their three children spend as many waking hours on the terrace as they do inside. The outdoor dining alcove (upper left) is directly off the dining room with access to the kitchen through a door near the back wall and a larger patio (left) is a few steps down from there (see plans). Many informal meals are eaten at the round table off the kitchen (upper right), a two-story space bathed in daylight streaming through clerestory windows. Above the kitchen ceiling is a hideaway play space for the children, which they reach by a pull-down ladder, the bottom tips of which are just visible in the kitchen photograph. Art plays a strong subsidiary role in the Amisano house. As seen in the terrace side of the living room above, paintings, sketches and statuary intersperse with greenery inside and out to merge this house carved out of the land with the strong shapes of nature around it.

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art and greenery tie their living spaces indoors and out to the drama of nature all around



House Beautiful's all-purpose vacation home

A CHALET FOR SEA OR SNOW





By JAMES DE LONG ☐ A single sheet of plywood does not a dwelling make. But locked between its thin skins is a basic architectural principle that, properly applied to a *system* of sheets, makes plywood an honest as well as a highly versatile domestic building material. Light of weight and incredibly strong, a simple piece of plywood—being at once both structure and surface—fulfills an ageless dictum of pure design that the form of an object should not only follow its function, but that form and function are one. Either can exist without the other. Sponsored by House Beautiful and the American Plywood Association, this prototype all-season vacation house is located on a quiet inlet of Washington's Puget Sound and was planned by Architect Donald William MacDonald to test that principle and to demonstrate the adaptability of plywood to construction methods utilizing factory-built panels. Its faceted, function-following form is comprised of interconnected floor, wall and roof panels that were trucked to the forested site and carefully lifted into place with a minimum of disturbance to the natural habitat. At home in any environment, the structure was designed to withstand the heavy snow loads of rigorous mountain winters or prow into the windswept sand along a shore. From any angle, the geometry of the high-peaked roofs blends well with the surrounding trees (*above and upper right*)—and also offers the living/dining area (*left and right*) a dramatic vista formed by a soaring ceiling. Viewed from the water (*inset far left*) is the tall supporting pedestal that encloses storage space for boats and equipment and can accommodate future extension of living areas.



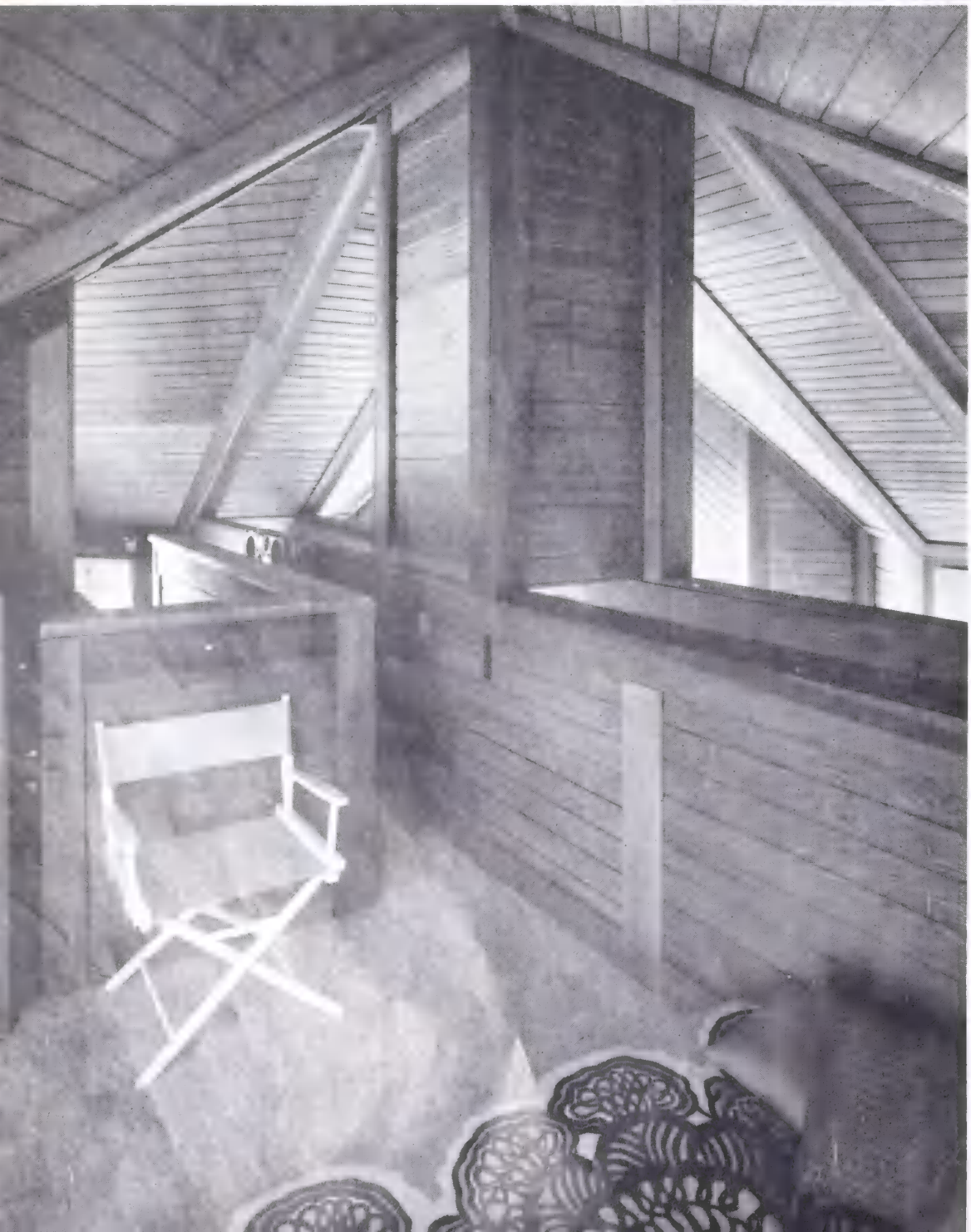
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the virtuosity of plywood: tentlike, cedar-patterned ceilings aglow with reflected light

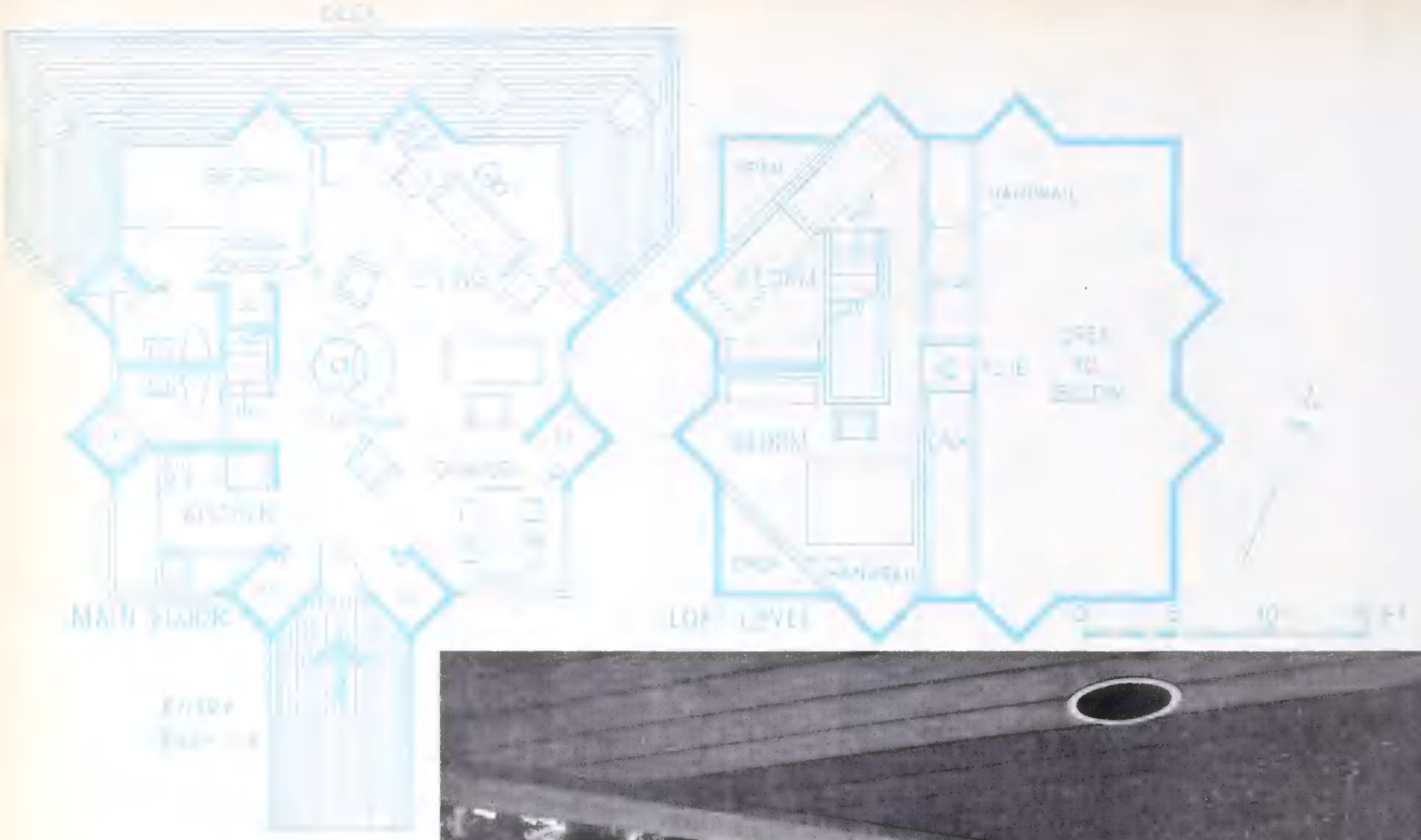
One of the virtues of plywood as a surface is the wide range of wood species, textures and finishes that can be combined without changing the intrinsic properties of the material. For this prototype project, the architect selected plywood with an outer facing of rough-sawn Western red cedar grooved with parallel striations. These shadow lines (called Texture One-Eleven) follow the directions that he intended to accentuate.





The flowing interior spaces—moving in all directions—make the house seem larger than it really is. Sloping, tentlike roof planes give a sheltering sense to the upper sleeping loft (*left and above*) as they slant down to the main level. The only sources for natural illumination of the interior spaces are the four large mitered-glass prows that reach out toward views far and near and gulp in great quantities of light at the same time. The upper level shares this light and also benefits from an added soft glow of reflection from the natural wood ceilings. In the photograph above, the loft also shares a downward view through the kitchen window. Mattresses on the floor and rolled-out sleeping bags are the order of the night up here—but, obviously, the sizzling sounds and scents of breakfast bustle below are not conducive to late sleeping. Ventilation is obtained through fixed louvered openings covered with hinged plywood panels painted in citron to cool the tawny presence of the cedar. Small bronze-finished casements in the lower bedroom and the kitchen supplement these sources of circulating fresh air. There is another bedroom downstairs, seen at right beyond the chaste fireplace and a rakish nautical staircase leading to the loft above. This area is a spatial continuation of the living room but can be closed for privacy with a folding plywood screen mounted on rollers. The glass door leads out to a cantilevered deck that stretches across the portion of the house that faces the water. A solid parapet around the deck provides enclosure for sunbathing and for wind protection—and, seen from outside, creates a strong horizontal element to balance the vertical form of the structure.





Seldom has such a tiny kitchen (*right*) turned out such a big view —and such a big inducement for dawdling over the breakfast dishes. Working at the sink during the day here is like sneaking off to a wide-screen movie. The openness of this scenic wonder is enhanced by the clean-cut seating of the plate glass at countertop level without visible trim. Despite its yacht-galley scale, the kitchen is complete in every way and can handle most normal gourmet challenges. The cabinet doors and drawer fronts are rough-sawn plywood. The nearness of the tall virgin timber indicates the care with which the house was introduced into its natural setting. The floor plans (*above*) seem complex at first glance but they actually map out simple, easily maintained spaces and skillful integration of storage areas. Although the plans have a pleasing, abstract geometry about them, their shape is the outgrowth of a logical consideration of human needs. Like the architectural principle locked within the sheet of plywood, they are an unfeigned expression of the form following the function.

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your room becomes your pink-and-white private world with your own swimming pool afloat with flowers. And then, on its own golf course, there's the Princess, architecturally imposing—an Aztec pyramid sitting at the seashore.

Back to earth—and I do mean earth. From Acapulco to Zihuatanejo is like changing from lamé into dungarees. For the moment, at least, Zihuatanejo is a sleepy little fishing village on a scalloping of lovely beaches bracketed in rugged cliffs and rocky roads that tear at tires and shoes. It's simple, dusty, Indian, innocent—except that in the church there's a sign over the baptismal font that says you can't be a godparent if you're living in adultery. It's primevally non-posh and beautiful, nothing to do but relax, swim, sail, snorkel, fish, horseback ride, hike—and I think you could get a tan just staying in bed, which is all there's to do at night. Closest thing to elegance here is the little shop of Esther Mendez, a lady of charm and taste who purveys a few excellent crafts, silver jewelry and screen-printed dress fabrics. Hanging on the cliffs, a few hotels—mine was the little Irma; the slightly more pretentious Catalina staggers down the slopes to gorgeous Las Gatas beach. Go immediately if you're for the simple life, because the new highway from Acapulco through coconut and banana plantations is just about completed and Zihuatanejo is due to be polished into resort status. Aeromexico, the national carrier, which links this mountain-ribbed country, flies between Zihuatanejo and Mexico City. It also flies direct from many U.S. cities to Mexico City, Guadalajara and Acapulco. Sad word: Practically every piece of pottery and glass I so picturesquely bought from the natives and lugged around the country with me arrived home smashed or cracked, simply because I hadn't packed it carefully. It's worth it to have your treasures professionally packed. It's also conceded that even if you have to pay duty on your buys, your Mexican crafts are still a bargain. More information write the Mexican National Tourist Council at 677 Fifth Ave., New York 10022. ■

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Americans living north of the border think of tequila as a clear, somewhat raw liquor, because we're acquainted only with the young tequila. There are also aged tequilas, prized by connoisseurs, which are mellowed anywhere from one to five years in oak, and an occasional special bottling that goes even longer. An indication of aged tequila is a golden or amber shade, but color can be induced by artificial means. Play it safe with established brands like Jose Cuervo or Sauza.

Chances are, the one tequila-based cocktail you know is the Margarita—a deceptively lulling blend of salt, lime and tequila, with a jolt of orange liqueur thrown in to smooth things out. In this case, however, the salt frosts the rim of the serving glass and the other ingredients are shaken together violently with ice. Mexicans themselves often have their tequila *con sangrita,* with a peppery tomato juice. Traditionally, you sip alternately at the liquor and the fiery chaser. Mix them together and pour into one glass, and you have a Bloody Bull. Tourists and locals both visit the Del Prado to see the amusing Diego Rivera mural in the lobby and linger over a Tequila Sour at one of the hotel's four watering spots. Another variation some Americans favor is the Tequila Martini, substituting tequila for the gin and vodka normally used. (And if you'd like, you can vary this a little more by adding just a couple of drops of lime juice and serving with a lime section instead of an olive or a twist or with—as some Mexican restaurants in America do—a tiny green pickled tomato or pepper.) You get the idea—tequila is an obliging and versatile mixer. Here are some tested recipes to help you dispose of the tequila you bring back from your jaunt across the border.

Margarita

1½ ounces tequila
½ ounce triple sec
½ ounce lime or lemon juice
Salt

Use a chilled, stemmed cocktail glass. Rub the rim of the glass with the cut side of a lime or lemon to moisten. Sprinkle a cloth napkin with salt. Invert the glass and swirl in the salt. Tap lightly to remove excess. Shake tequila, liqueur and juice briskly with cracked ice. Strain carefully into the glass.

Tequila Sour

2 ounces tequila
1 ounce lemon juice
1 teaspoon superfine sugar
Fruit garnish

Shake the first three ingredients very well with cracked ice. Strain into a chilled Sour glass or wine glass. Garnish with a slice of orange and a cherry or with a pineapple chunk. *Note:* For a Bacardi Sour, just substitute rum for the tequila.

Tequila con Sangrita

3 ounces tomato juice
1 ounce orange juice
½ ounce lemon or lime juice
½ teaspoon grenadine
Salt, to taste
Dash of tabasco
2 ounces tequila
1 lime wedge
Salt

Shake the first six ingredients with ice, until chilled. Strain into a goblet. The Mexican way is to serve the tequila, lime wedge and extra salt separately, alternately sipping the two drinks, or stir the tequila into it to make a Bloody Bull.

Tequila Tonic

2 ounces tequila
Quinine water, chilled
Lime slice

Pour tequila over ice cubes in an eight-ounce Highball glass. Add quinine water. Garnish with a slice of lime.

Rio Grande

2 ounces aged tequila
2 dashes of Angostura bitters
½ sugar lump
1 lime wedge

Place sugar in a heavy Old-Fashioned glass. Douse with bitters and a teaspoon of water. Muddle to dissolve the sugar. Squeeze in the juice from the lime wedge and add the hull. Add three or four ice cubes and the tequila. Stir well. Serve.■

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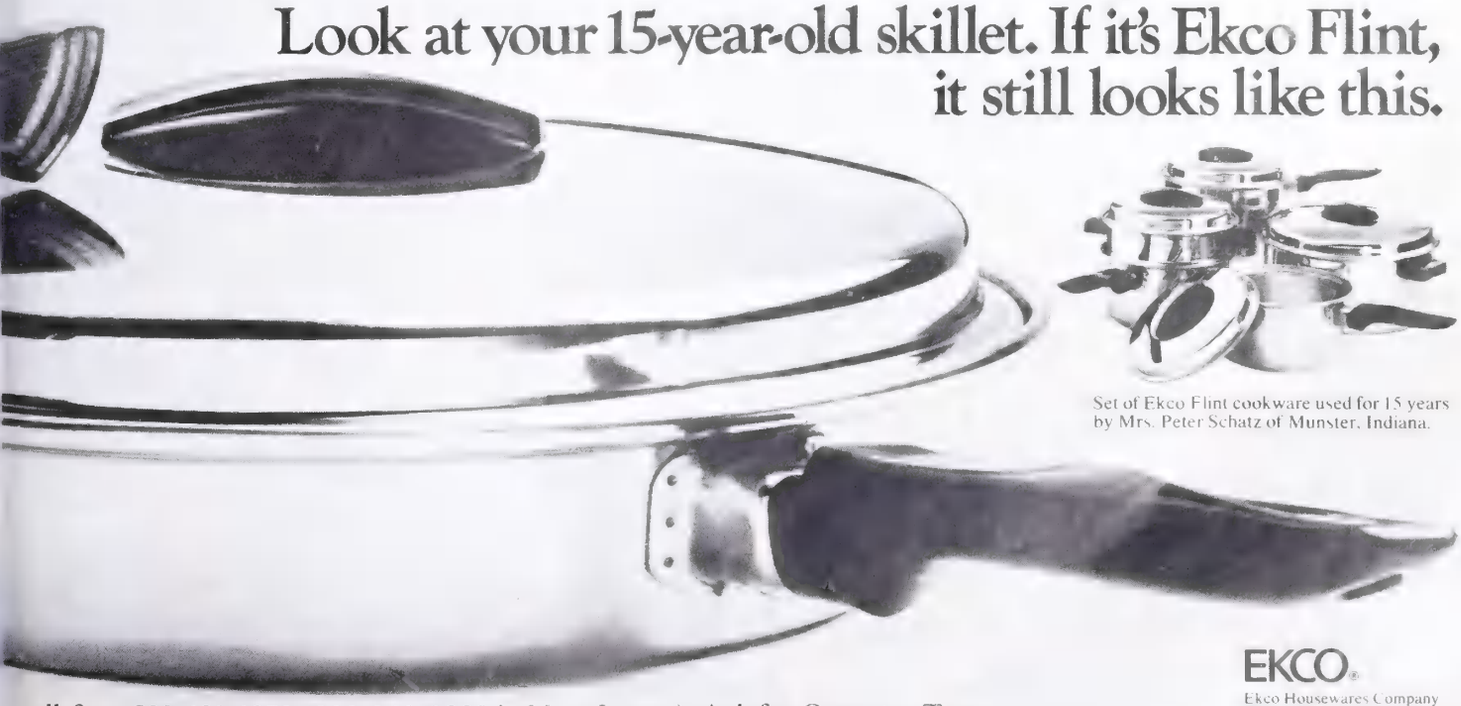
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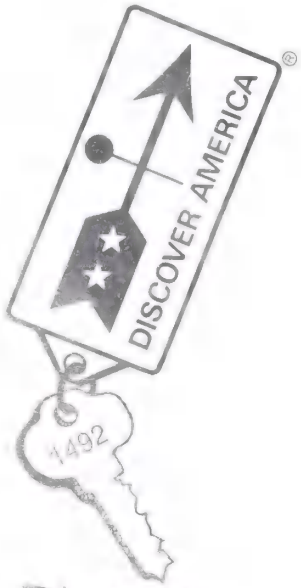
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COOL CLIMAX

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Fresh Lemon Sherbet

4 medium whole lemons
Grated rind of 2 lemons
Juice of 2 lemons, strained
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1¾ cups sugar plus 2 tablespoons
1 cup water
2 egg whites

Drop the 4 lemons into a saucepan of boiling water and allow to stand, off the heat, for three to four minutes. Cool under cold water. This helps to yield more juice.

Section the 4 lemons like this: Holding the lemon in your left hand over a bowl to catch any juices, peel with a good sharp knife right down to the flesh. Cut off any white skin you may have missed. Loosen the sections by cutting down as close to the membrane as possible on both sides of each section. Drop sections into the bowl as you work. Squeeze the membrane to get all the juice, and discard any seeds. Pour into the electric blender and purée at high speed until smooth. Set aside. Grate and then squeeze juice from 2 more lemons. Set aside both rind and juice. Sprinkle the gelatin over ½ cup cold water to soften and set this aside, too.

In a saucepan combine the 1¾ cups of sugar and 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil and boil five minutes. Then add the softened gelatin and stir until it has completely dissolved.

Beat the egg whites until they almost hold a peak, then gradually add the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar. Continue beating until very stiff and shiny. Gradually add the hot syrup in a thin steady stream, beating hard and constantly. Stir in the purée and the lemon rind and juice. Pour into a shallow pan and freeze until mushy, stirring several times. Then pour into a large bowl and beat at medium speed with an electric beater until smooth and fluffy. Spoon into two ice-cube trays and freeze until firm. Serves six to eight.

Apricot Sherbet

1¾ cups sugar
1 cup water
1 pound ripe apricots, pitted and coarsely chopped (about 2 cups)
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
2 egg whites

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan. Stir until the sugar has dissolved and comes to a boil. Boil the mixture for five minutes and then refrigerate.

When cold, pour the syrup into the container of an electric blender. Add the chopped apricots. Cover and blend at high speed until you have a smooth purée. Stir in the lemon juice and pour into refrigerator trays. Freeze until mixture is mushy and set around the edges.

Beat the egg whites with a rotary or electric beater until they hold stiff shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Pour the apricot mixture into a chilled bowl and beat until fairly smooth. Fold in the beaten egg whites until all patches of white have disappeared. Return to the trays and freeze until firm, stirring once or twice. Serves six to eight.

Lime Sherbet

3 cups water
1½ cups sugar
½ cup lime juice (4 large or 6 medium limes)
Pinch of salt
Green food coloring (optional)
1 egg white

Combine the water and sugar in a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil five minutes. Chill. When cold, stir in the lime juice, salt and a few drops of food coloring. Pour into refrigerator trays and freeze until mushy. Take out of the refrigerator and pour into a chilled bowl. Beat with a whisk or rotary beater until the mixture is fairly smooth.

Beat the egg white until it holds firm, shiny peaks when the beater is he'd straight up. Beat into the lime mixture. Return to the trays and freeze a second time to the mushy stage. Beat again, pour back into trays, freeze until firm.

Cassis Sherbet

1 cup sugar
2½ cups water
Grated rind of 2 lemons
Juice of 2 lemons, strained
Red food coloring (optional)
1 cup sweet Champagne
⅓ cup cassis (about)
2 egg whites

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over moderate heat. Boil five minutes. Stir in the lemon rind. Refrigerate until cool, then stir in the lemon juice and a drop or two of food coloring.

Pour into refrigerator trays and freeze until the mixture is mushy and set around the edges. Pour into a chilled bowl and beat for one minute with an electric beater. Stir in the Champagne and cassis and pour into refrigerator trays. Freeze again until mushy.

Beat the egg whites until they hold firm shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Pour the wine-cassis mixture over the beaten whites and fold in. Return to the freezer trays and continue freezing, stirring every hour or so, until firm.

To serve, spoon into eight chilled glasses and add a teaspoon of cassis to each glass.

Raspberry Sorbet

1½ cups sugar
4 cups water
2 pints (4 cups) fresh raspberries
Juice of ½ lemon, strained
2 egg whites

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan. Stir until dissolved. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for exactly five minutes. Chill.

Meanwhile, purée the raspberries in the electric blender and stir into the cold syrup along with the lemon juice. Pour into the container of the ice-cream freezer. Pack the electric freezer (page 89) and freeze for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, beat the egg whites until they hold soft peaks. Stir into the raspberry mixture with a long-handled spoon. Replace the cover and continue freezing until the *sorbet* is firm. (About 20 minutes longer.) Serves about eight.

Peach Granité

1 cup water
¾ cup sugar
2 pounds ripe peaches, peeled and sliced (about 4 cups)
Lemon juice
White corn syrup

Combine the water and sugar in a saucepan. Stir until the sugar has dissolved and comes to a boil. Boil hard for five minutes. Cool.

When cold, pour the syrup into the container of an electric blender. Add the peach slices. Cover and blend at high speed until you have a smooth purée. About five seconds. At this point taste the purée. It may need a little lemon juice or the sweetness of corn syrup or both.

Pour the mixture into a refrigerator tray and freeze until firm but not solid—from 30 minutes to one hour. Serves six to eight.

Strawberry Ice

3 pints ripe strawberries (about 6 cups)
2 cups sugar
Juice of 3 oranges, strained
Juice of 3 lemons, strained
⅓ cup Grand Marnier

Wash and hull the berries.

Drain thoroughly. Combine with sugar, orange and lemon juice and allow to stand three hours. At the end of this period, purée (about a third at a time) in an electric blender until smooth. Stir in the Grand Marnier and pour into two large freezer trays. Freeze until the ice develops a solid edge about one inch thick. This takes several hours. Pour into a large bowl and beat until mushy. Return to trays and freeze until firm. Serves eight to 10 people.

Blueberry Ice

2 pint boxes (4 cups) fresh blueberries
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
Juice of 2 lemons, strained

Combine the blueberries, sugar and water in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 10 minutes. Add the lemon juice, then purée in the electric blender, a small amount at a time, until smooth.

Pour into two refrigerator trays and freeze until the ice has a solid edge about one inch thick. Pour into a large bowl and beat until mushy. Return to trays and freeze until firm. Serves six to eight.

Differentiating between sherbets, sorbets, granités and ices

They are all essentially ices, but they differ somewhat. Classically, sherbets or *sorbets* (the French for sherbets) are made with fruit and Italian meringue, which is, of course, egg whites beaten with sugar syrup. Sometimes wine or liqueurs are added. However, sherbets made without the meringue call for beaten egg whites, which, like unflavored gelatin, help to stabilize the mixture and to prevent ice crystals from forming.

Granités, or fresh fruit ices, are related to sherbets but are made without Italian meringue, egg whites or gelatin.

It has long been the custom in France to serve *sorbets* or *granités* at the midpoint of an elaborate banquet, as they tend to revive a sagging appetite.

How to serve sherbets or granités

First of all, a sherbet or *granité* is not—correctly—hard. It is firm, but still a spoon can be plunged into it easily. Since it melts quickly, it should always be served in chilled glasses.

How to change ices into sherbets

When the ice is frozen, turn into a chilled bowl and beat with a rotary or electric beater until fairly smooth. Beat 1 or 2 egg whites until stiff enough to hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Fold into the ice mixture until all patches of white have disappeared. Return to the freezing tray and freeze until firm, stirring once or twice.

Storing sherbets and ices

The American Dairy Association tells us that sherbets and ices can be stored in the freezer for about a month, if maintained at zero temperature or below. Apparently sherbets and ices are more sensitive to texture changes than ice cream—hence the need to limit the storage time. It also points out that tight packaging is essential, suggesting plastic containers with tight-fitting lids.

How to pack an ice-cream freezer:

Whether the freezer is hand or electric, it is packed in exactly the same way. Maintaining the correct ratio of ice to salt is of utmost importance.

Allow four to six parts chopped ice to one part coarse rock salt (this is also known as ice-cream salt). After the ice-cream container has been placed in the tub or pail, the crank secure on top, fill the tub one-third full of ice before adding any salt; then add the ice and salt in alternate layers around the container until full.

Although, for perfection, ice or ice cream should be frozen slowly, the process can be speeded up if the necessity arises. In that case, increase the salt content, allowing one part salt to three parts ice. This is desirable only when the ice cream is to be used at once.

To freeze ice cream by hand: Turn the crank slowly at first, until you begin to feel a slight pull. Then turn more rapidly. When it becomes very difficult to turn, the ice or ice cream will have the right consistency.

To freeze with an electric freezer: Follow manufacturer's instructions exactly. The freezing time is much shorter than by hand, but it depends, naturally, on the size of the freezer.

To freeze in the refrigerator: Pour the mixture into ice trays. When ice cream has a one-inch border of thick frozen mush around the edge, transfer the mixture to a large chilled bowl and beat it hard with a rotary or electric beater until smooth and creamy. Return the ice cream to refrigerator trays and freeze until firm.

Note: If your refrigerator does not have a separate freezing compartment maintaining zero temperature, compensate by turning the temperature dial to the coldest point possible.■



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RUM

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Barbados or any pungent rum. Now you have the basis for any kind of drink, even fizzes and the most complicated milk and egg drinks. Don't just offer a bottle of rum to drink as is, because most guests will not like it. But if you *blend* rums, then you've got the idea. Put a label on your bottle (call it "Pinky's Old Faithful" or anything you wish) and put it behind your bar. Tell your guests it's your rum, you blended it and this is what you like.

I am supposed to be a rum expert, an authority, and I do know a little bit about it. But over a long period, you get a little old (I am a thousand years old now) and brands change. So, sitting in my office, I said to my secretary that I wanted to make some comparisons in making a common cocktail, an Old Fashioned. We took ½ ounce of Puerto Rican and ½ ounce of Demerara for one drink, ½ ounce of Puerto Rican and ½ ounce of Jamaican for a second, ½ ounce of Puerto Rican and ½ ounce of Barbados for a third (we used half Puerto Rican and half other rums so they would not be so potent). Well, the Barbados comes up like a little darling, just delightful. The Demeraras float up a bitter flavor that has always been in the Demeraras, and the Jamaican can be very fine, depending on the brand you choose.

Then we tried our little comparison with ¾ ounce Puerto Rican to ¼ ounce of the pungent rums for an even smoother drink. So, what I am trying to say is that while most of you are Scotch, Bourbon and gin drinkers, *learn* to drink rum. Gin can make you mean, Bourbon and Scotch can make you boisterous, but rum is pleasant—all that happens is that your legs may not work.

We have a lot of recipes we are going to show you. They are all built with one or two rums, but you can change the recipes to suit yourself by juggling the rums around. That's why rum is such a delightful thing—because you can do so much with it. It's a natural mixer with fruit juices and cola, of course, but there are many, many drinks and punches you can make with rum and such mixers as vermouth, wine, apricot brandy, port or liqueurs.

One of the finest drinks I ever concocted was made with 17-year-old Jamaican rum. I was behind my bar one day in 1944 talking with my bartender and I told him that I was going to make the finest rum drink in the world. Just then Ham and Carrie Guild, some old friends from Tahiti, came in. I told them I was concocting the world's finest rum drink and asked them to try it. Carrie tasted it, raised her glass and said "Mai Tai-Roa Ae," which in Tahitian means "Out of this world—the best!" That's the name of the drink, I said, and we named it Mai Tai.

Within two years we had used up all the 17-year-old Jamaican rum in the world, because of the popularity of the Mai Tai, and there was no more. As a substitute, I did this—and you should do the same: Mix some high-ester-flavored rum from Jamaica, pungent rums from the Martinique and a little Puerto Rican, to give some other taste and lightness. This will duplicate the extinct 17-year-old Jamaican rum.

Here is my original formula for the Mai Tai.

Trader Vic's Original Mai Tai Formula

2 ounces 17-year-old J. Wray Nephew Jamaican rum
½ ounce French Garnier Orgeat
½ ounce Holland DeKuyper Orange Curaçao
¼ ounce rock candy syrup
Juice from one fresh lime

Hand-shake and then garnish with half of the lime shell inside the drink and float a sprig of fresh mint at the edge of the glass. The drink should be chilled nicely with a considerable amount of shaved ice in a large 15-ounce glass. (That's the original formula, but at home I would advise that you use my Trader Vic's Mai Tai Mix: Squeeze the juice of one lime over shaved ice in a Double Old Fashioned Glass; save one spent shell. Add ½ ounce Mai Tai mix and 2 ounces rum and enough shaved ice to fill the glass. Hand-shake. Decorate with the spent lime shell, fresh mint and a fruit stick.)

La Florida Daiquiri

This is a drink that must be made correctly. Try this experiment to prove what I say: Cut a lime in half and squeeze the juice by hand into the mixing container until there is no more juice left in the lime, then go on making the drink. Now, with another container, squeeze the juice in a lemon squeezer. Taste them both and see how much more bitter the second will be—because of the oils in the peel that were squeezed by the lemon squeezer. The difference is unbelievable.

2 ounces Puerto Rican rum
1 teaspoon bar sugar
1 teaspoon maraschino liqueur
Juice of 1 lime, hand-squeezed

Blend with a scant ½ scoop of shaved ice in an electric drink mixer. Pour, frapéed, into a chilled Champagne glass.

La Florida Rum Daisy

If you have Chartreuse on hand, this is going to be a nice drink. If you haven't got any, make something else. It won't work with anything but Chartreuse.

½ teaspoon bar sugar
1 dash Angostura bitters
½ teaspoon yellow Chartreuse
2 ounces light Puerto Rican rum
Spiral-cut peel of ½ lemon
Several mint sprigs
2 cherries
Sliced fruits in season

Put sugar, bitters, Chartreuse and rum into an Old Fashioned glass filled with ice cubes. Stir. Decorate with remaining ingredients.

Racquet Club Fizz

Here's a great drink for a festive morning party when you feel like going through the trouble. I call this my Racquet Club Fizz made in honor of a party at the Racquet Club in Honolulu 25 years ago. Your guests will enjoy it.

½ slice pineapple
1 egg
1 ounce lemon juice
2 teaspoons bar sugar
1 ounce light Puerto Rican rum

Blend all ingredients in an electric drink mixer with ½ scoop shaved ice. Pour into a footed iced tea glass.

Rum Ramsey

Albert Martin of the Bon Ton Bar on Magazine Street in New Orleans was a sweet old guy whom people will remember for this famous rum cocktail.

1½ ounces light Puerto Rican rum
1 teaspoon Bourbon
Juice of ¼ lime
½ teaspoon bar sugar
1 dash Peychaud bitters

Stir with ice cubes. Strain into chilled cocktail glass.

The Cows

The Banana Cow is the greatest hangover drink as far as I'm concerned. People are in a rut serving Bloody Marys and they really *kill* you rather than *cool* you. But milk is good for you and bananas are good for your stomach. Many is a morning I could count a lot of people waiting for me to open my doors for a Rum or Banana Cow to cool it, heal it and cure it completely. Try making the different Cows without rum (maybe put in a scoop of ice cream) for children. And you try them this way for yourself:

Banana Cow

1 dash Angostura bitters
1 whole banana
1 teaspoon bar sugar
1 dash vanilla
3 ounces fresh milk
1 ounce light Puerto Rican rum
½ scoop shaved ice

Blend in electric drink mixer. Serve in Planter's Punch glass.

Rum Cow

The Rum Cow is a morning drink, especially good made with Puerto Rican rum mixed with any of the pungent rums to make a flavorful taste, good served either hot or cold.

1 dash Angostura bitters
1 dash vanilla
1 teaspoon bar sugar
6 ounces fresh milk
1 ounce light Puerto Rican rum

Shake in a commercial electric drink mixer (or in shaker can with mixing glass) with ice cubes. Strain into a Planter's Punch glass. Dust with nutmeg.

Rum Silver Fizz

Silver Fizzes have always been made with gin, but follow this recipe, and when complete, squeeze a slice of orange rind over it for a great variation.

1½ jiggers Barbados rum
½ jigger lime juice
1½ barspoons bar sugar
2 dashes Cointreau
1 egg white
¼ jigger fresh cream
Club soda

Blend in an electric drink mixer with a small scoop of shaved ice. Pour into highball glass. Fill glass with chilled soda.

Now we come to drinks for large gatherings. It is crazy to sit behind a bar mixing drinks all night with no chance to mix with your guests. The answer is a punch bowl. Make it attractive by decorating it with fern leaves or crinkly paper, even cabbage leaves if you like. Your guest doesn't have to ask for a drink, there is a whole pot full and he can drink till he's full. Another good idea—buy a bunch of coconuts, saw them in half and let dry a couple of days until the meat falls out of the shell, and you end up with very festive cups.

Trader Vic's Planter's Punch

Planter's Punch recipes are all over the world. Throw them all away. I will give you one formula in which you substitute the rum you like and you will have a fine drink. We must have sold at least a jillion or so of these.

½ lime
1 dash rock candy syrup
1 dash grenadine
1 ounce lemon juice
2 ounces Jamaican rum
2 ounces club soda

Squeeze lime juice over ice cubes in a Planter's Punch glass; save lime shell. Add remaining ingredients. Stir. Decorate with lime shell, fresh mint and a fruit stick.

Scorpion Punch

I was once invited to a cocktail party in Honolulu, and as I walked into the garden, somebody handed me a coconut filled with a Scorpion. The coconut was my only glass for the evening and the punch bowl was a barrel. Believe me, the thing was lively—try it at your next party.

1½ fifths Puerto Rican rum
2 ounces gin
2 ounces brandy
1 pint lemon juice
½ pint orange juice
½ pint orgeat syrup
1 split fifth dry white table wine
2 sprigs fresh mint
Gardenias

Mix well all ingredients except the gardenias; pour over ice cubes in a punch bowl. Let stand for two hours. Add more ice; garnish with gardenias. Serve in punch cups or coconut cups. Serves 12.

Tahitian Rum Punch (Quantity)

This is the original Tahitian Rum Punch recipe for large groups. It is a rig-a-marole but worth the trouble.

2 pounds brown sugar
5 dozen oranges
4 dozen lemons
3 grapefruit
10 bananas
2 mint sprigs
10 fifths dry white table wine
6 fifths light Puerto Rican rum
1 fifth dark Jamaican rum

Put sugar into a large crock. Squeeze juice from oranges, lemons and grapefruit; add juices and all spent shells to the crock. Slice in bananas. Add mint and wine. Let stand overnight. Next day, add the rum. Strain off and discard the fruit pulp and citrus shells. Stir the punch well and pour over a large block of ice in a punch bowl (or a barrel). Chill. Serve in punch cups or coconut cups. Serves about 100.

Tonga Punch

We used to sell this by the tons when we first started in business. It was one of the first drinks I originated and generally has good acceptance.

Juice of ½ lime
1½ ounces orange juice
¾ ounce lemon juice
1 dash grenadine
½ ounce Curaçao
2 ounces Puerto Rican rum

Blend in an electric drink mixer with ½ scoop of shaved ice. Pour into 14-ounce optic chimney glass. Decorate with fresh mint and stirrer.

Hot Buttered Rum

Most recipes for this are icky, globs of butter floating on top, sticky to the lips—Yek! Here is my recipe.

1 heaping teaspoon Hot Buttered Rum Batter
1½ ounces light Puerto Rican rum
Boiling water

Preheat skull mug with boiling water. Put batter into mug. Add rum. Fill mug with hot water. Stir well. Hit with hot poker. Decorate with an eight-inch cinnamon stick.

Hot Buttered Rum Batter

1 pound brown sugar
½ pound soft butter
¼ to ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ to ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ to ½ teaspoon ground cloves
Pinch of salt

Beat sugar and butter together until thoroughly creamed and fluffy; beat in nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and salt. Makes enough batter for 40 drinks.

Black Stripe

This is an old one, one of the first rum drinks I ever made. It's good for a cold, good for everything.

2 maraschino cherries
1 teaspoon honey
Boiling water
2 whole cloves
1 stick cinnamon
1 ounce Jamaican rum
½ ounce 151-proof rum

Crush cherries in the bottom of a heatproof mug or glass. Add honey and hot water to fill; stir. Add Jamaican rum, cloves and cinnamon. Float 151-proof rum on top. Flame and serve.

The most important thing to remember is that any drink made with Bourbon, gin or whiskey can be made with rum. I would like to see more Americans learn to enjoy the good flavors of the many rums available and the incomparable mixed drinks that only can be made with rum. So, there you have it! Experiment with rum to make wonderful drinks. You will please your guests and enjoy a drink like never before.■

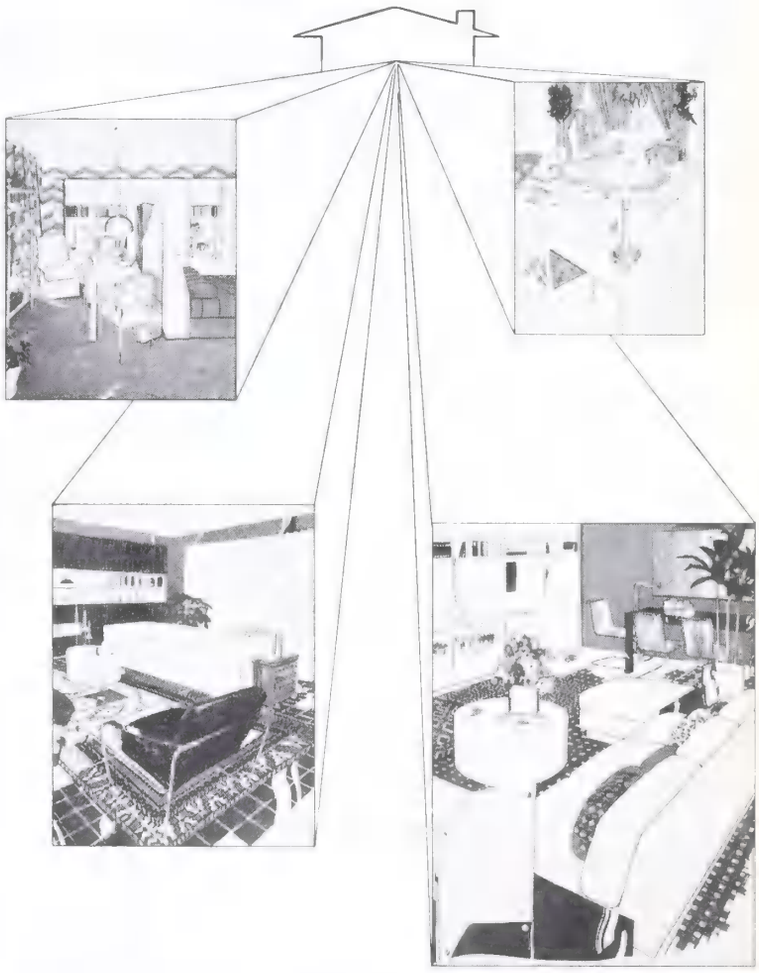
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By HELEN McCULLY

Why is unflavored gelatin sometimes added to sherbets?

To stabilize the foamy mixture and help prevent the formation of large ice crystals. We are told this is especially important when the sherbet is frozen in trays or molds in the freezer or freezing compartment of an electric refrigerator. See the recipe for Fresh Lemon Sherbet on page 88.

What is bresaola?

The Italian name for cured raw beef, which, like proscuitto, is sliced very thin. Served with lemon juice, oil, pepper (not salt, obviously) and minced parsley, it is perfectly delicious. Since enjoying bresaola at the fabulous Villa d'Este on Lake Como (Italy), Alfredo of New York's new Trattoria da Alfredo, a superior restaurant, tells us that he frequently makes and serves it. We urge you to go there and enjoy it yourself. Also try his great fresh *pesto* sauce on pasta.

Can you "hold" defrosted vegetables?

No. Once defrosted, they should be cooked at once. Further, don't buy packages of frozen vegetables that are stained by the contents, which indicates they have been defrosted and refrozen, and don't buy packages that are limp, wet or sweating —all of which are signs of defrosting.

What is Boeuf en Daube?

To cook *en daube* is much the same as to braise, but as James Beard points out in his splendid guide *How to Eat (and Drink) Your Way Through a French (and Italian) Menu* (Atheneum): "There are many types of *daubes*. Boeuf en Daube is a long-cooked dish with beef, vegetables, wine, usually a calf's foot, sometimes cooked and served hot, other times cold and jellied." A Daube à la Provençale always has the addition of olives, tomatoes and is robust with garlic. *Daubes* can be made with either pieces of meat or a whole piece.

What is an easy way to make macaroon crumbs?

The easiest way we know is to buy the Italian macaroons, called *amaretti*, and pulverize them in the electric blender.

What are Angostura bitters?

Originally a digestive tonic developed in 1824 by Dr. Johann Siegert, a German physician, to improve the appetites of Bolivar's troops. Named after the town of Angostura, Venezuela, the bitters are now made in Trinidad (West Indies). Angostura bitters are best known for their use in such drinks as the Manhattan, Old Fashioned, Gin 'n Bitters, Champagne cocktail, Planter's Punch or a Singapore Sling. We think they give a special fillip when a dollop is added to vodka on the rocks. Angostura bitters are also used to some extent in cooking. People on low-sodium diets will find that a dash of bitters picks up the flat taste of some salt-free foods.

How can you get just a squirt of fresh lemon juice?

Roll the whole lemon on your counter, then poke a toothpick in the end. Take out the toothpick, squirt what you want and replace the toothpick. Refrigerate, of course. Before using again, squeeze the lemon to free the juice.

What are the different types of prepared horseradish?

There are three: one, prepared horseradish made with grated horseradish, vinegar and salt; two, cream-style, which looks much like the prepared but has had cream added to it. These two can be used interchangeably. The third, horseradish sauce (and it varies considerably, depending on the manufacturer), is really a sauce with a consistency similar to mayonnaise, made with vegetable oil, vinegar, eggs and seasonings. It is served with broiled or corned beef, tongue or ham and is not a substitute for either the prepared or the cream style. ■

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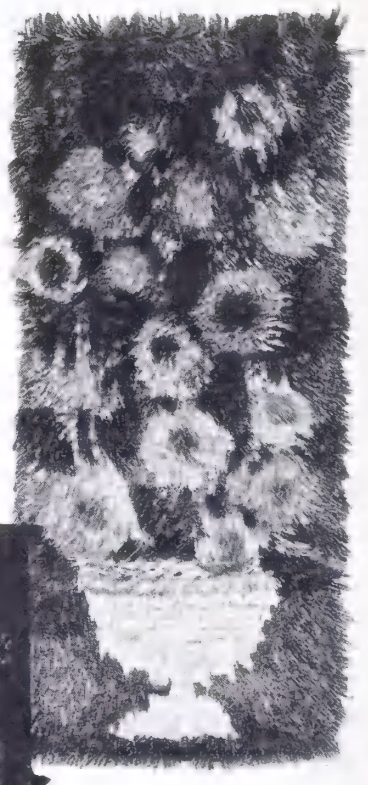
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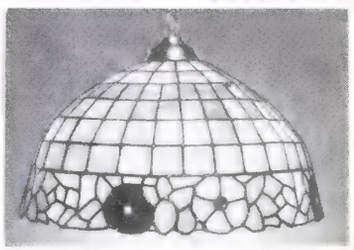


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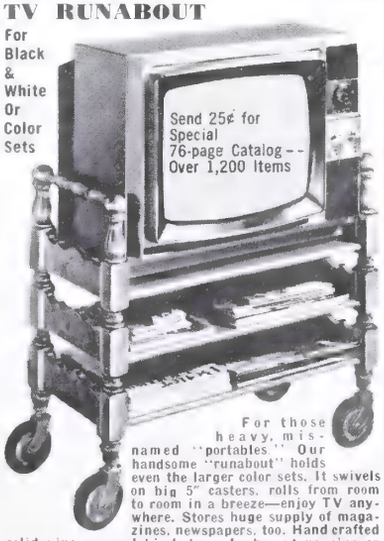
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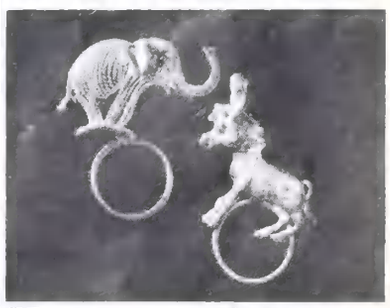


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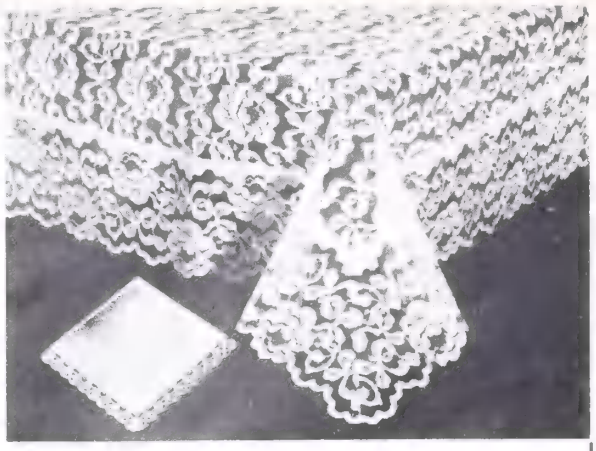
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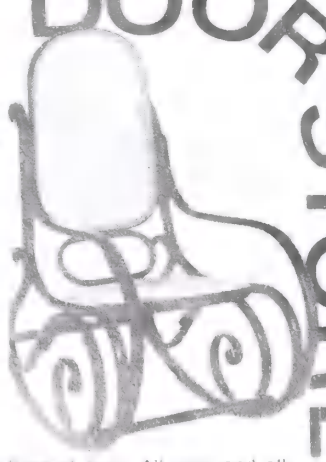
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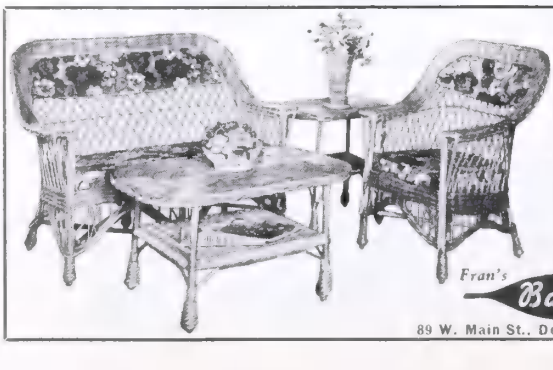
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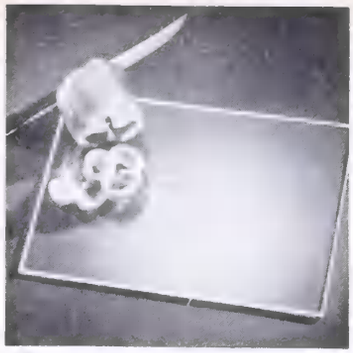
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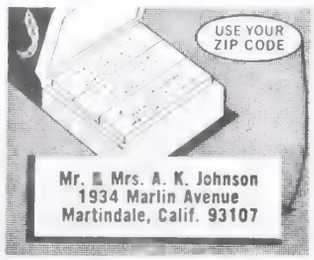


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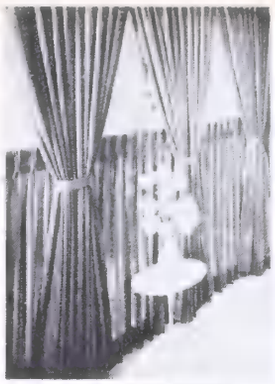


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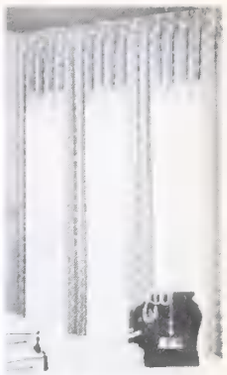
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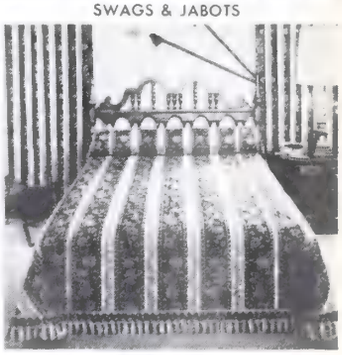
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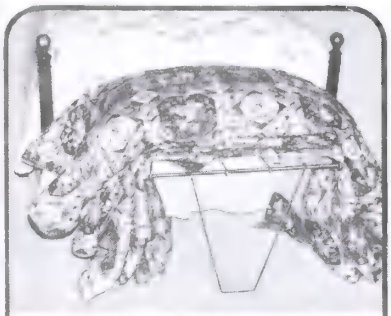
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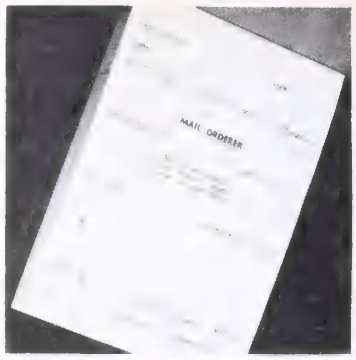


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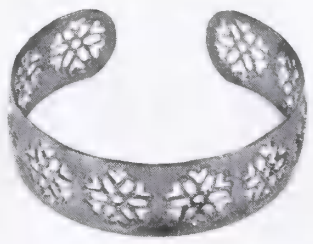
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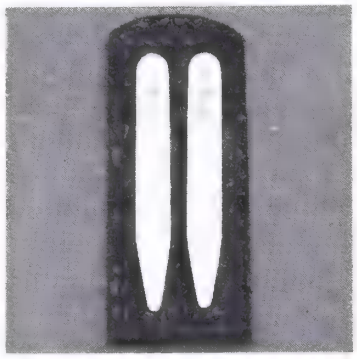
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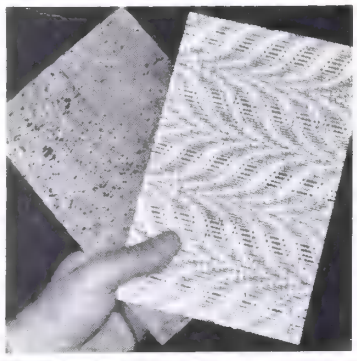
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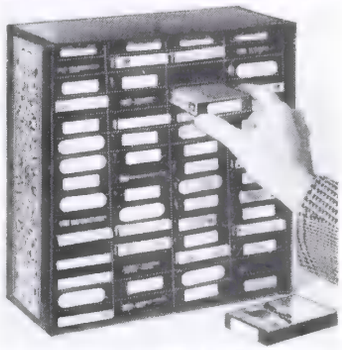
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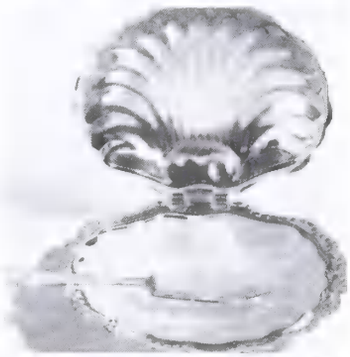
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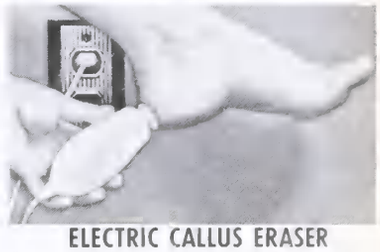


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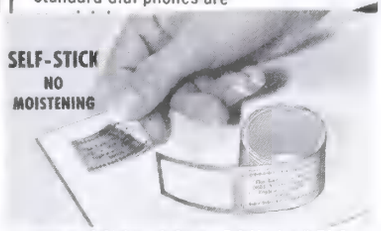
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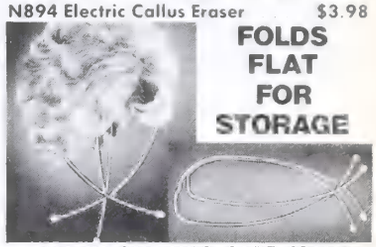
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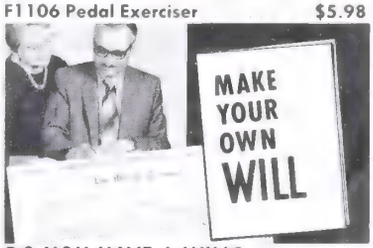
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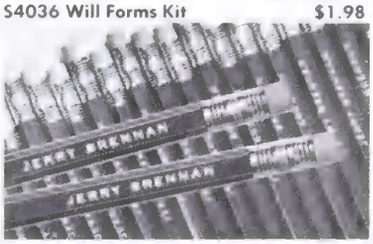
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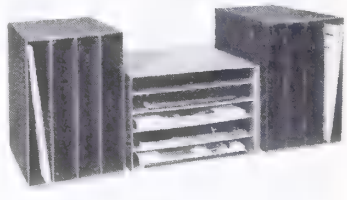
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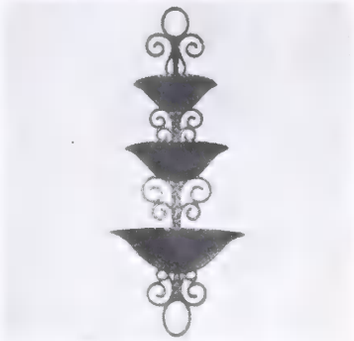
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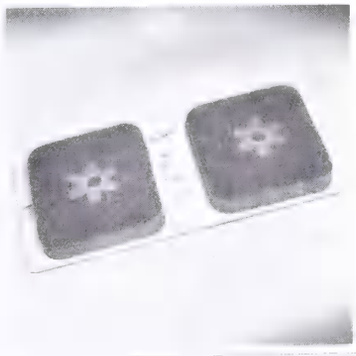
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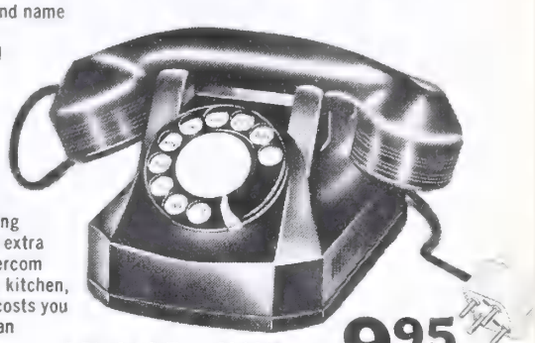
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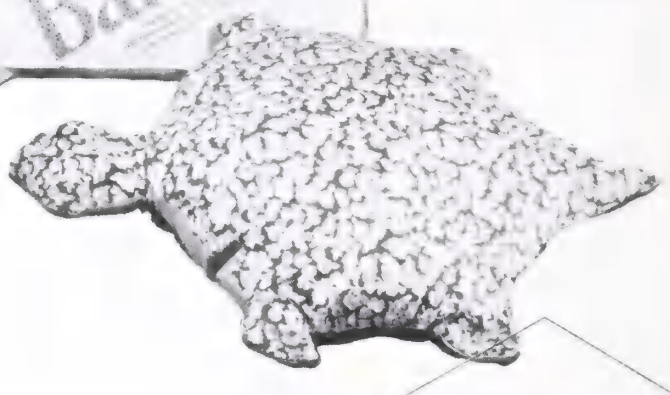
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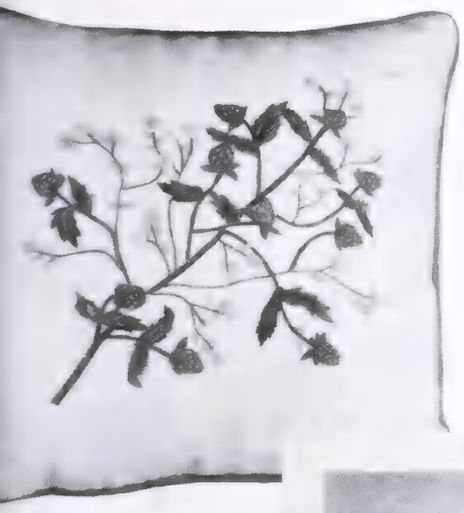


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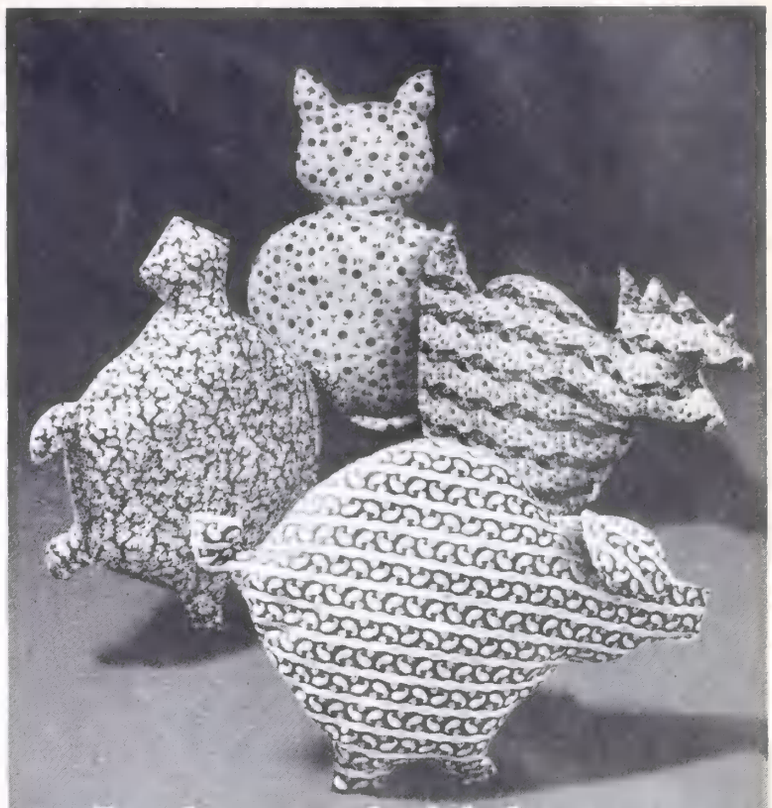


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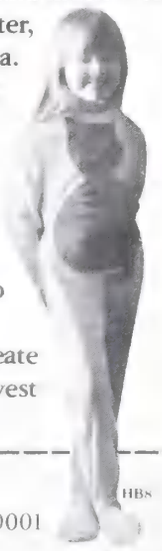


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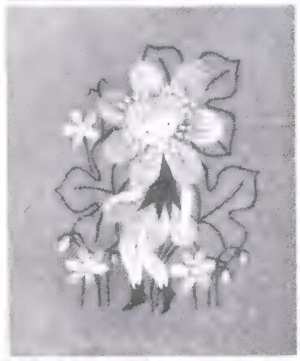
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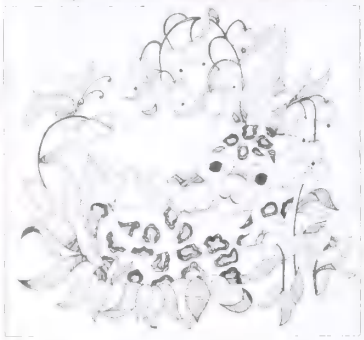


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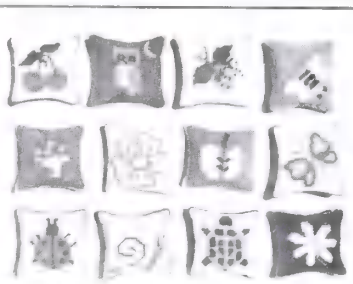
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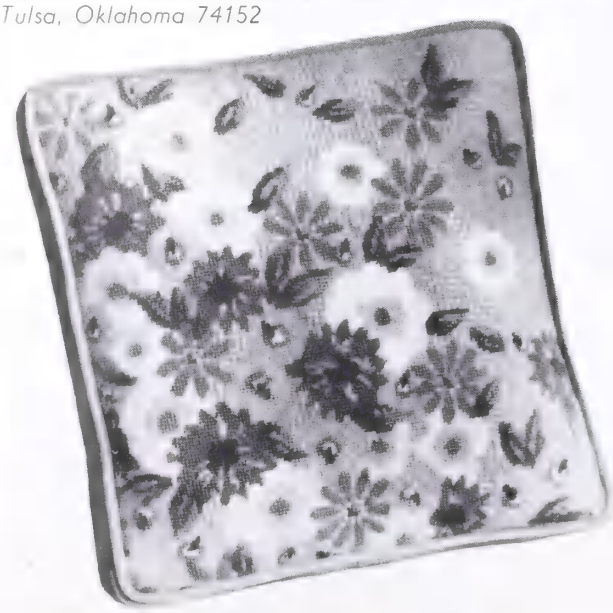


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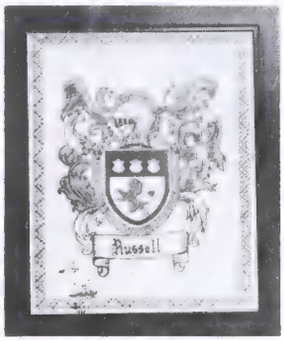
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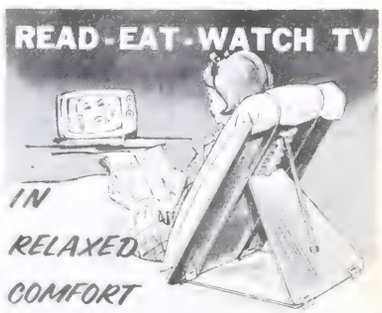


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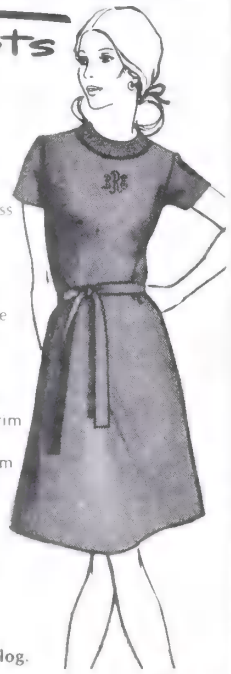
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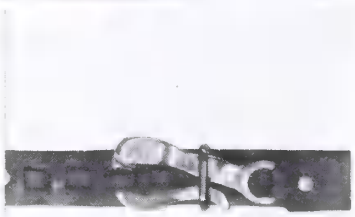
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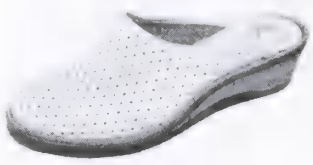
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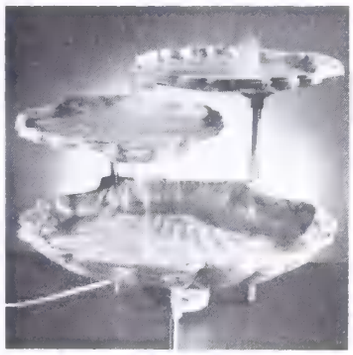
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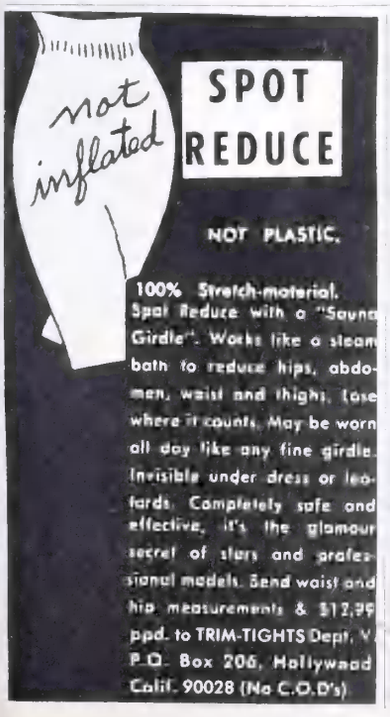
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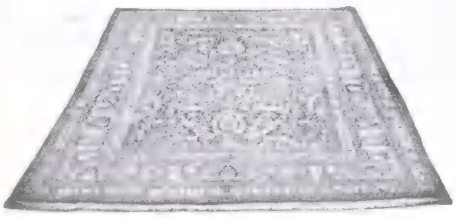
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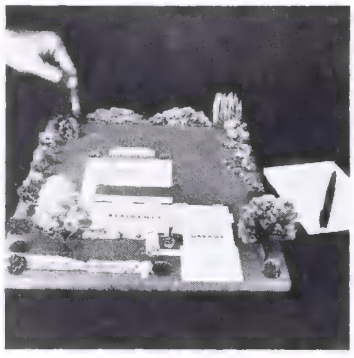
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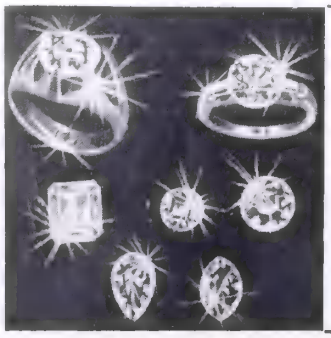
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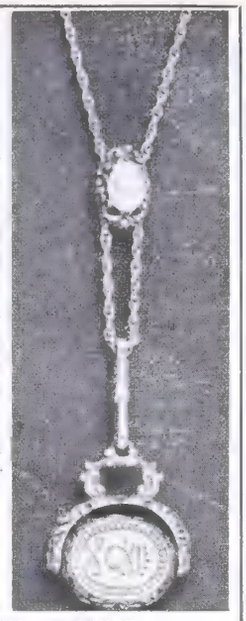
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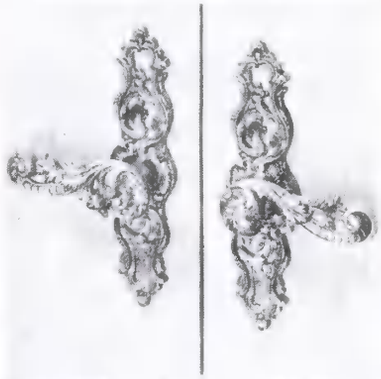
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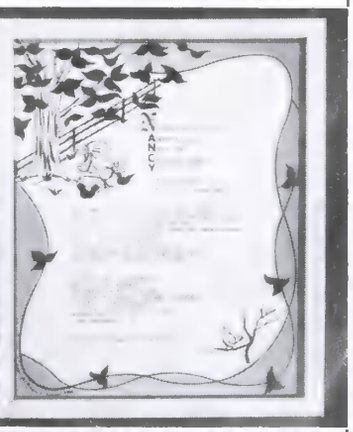
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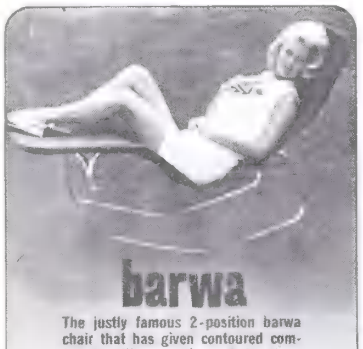
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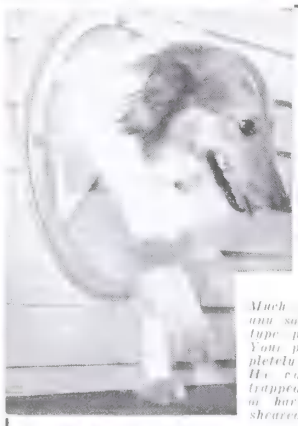
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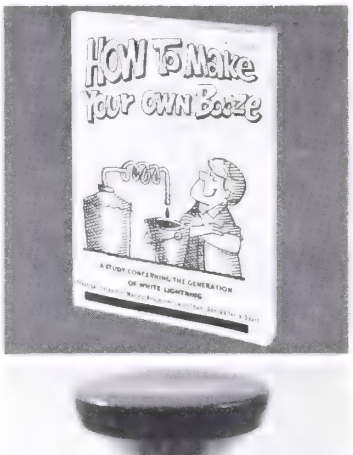
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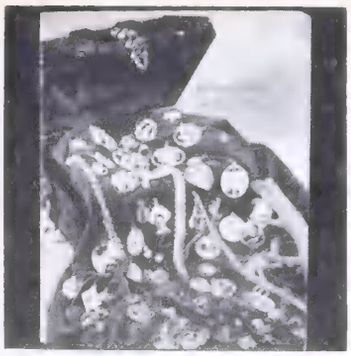
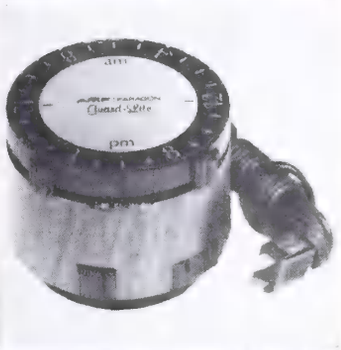


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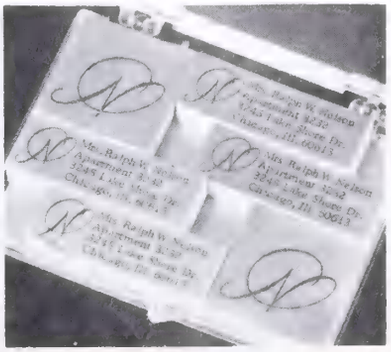
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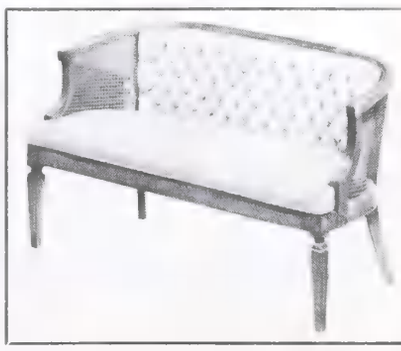
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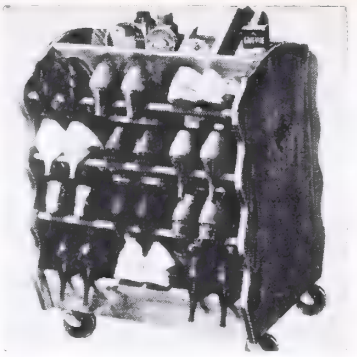
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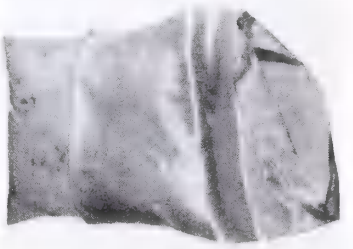
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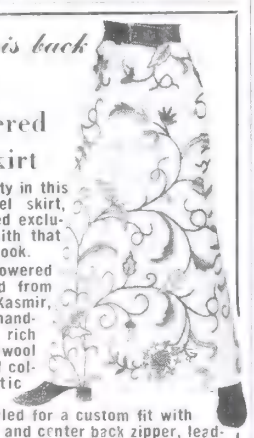
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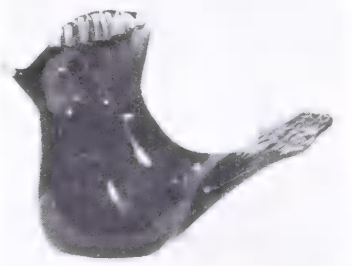
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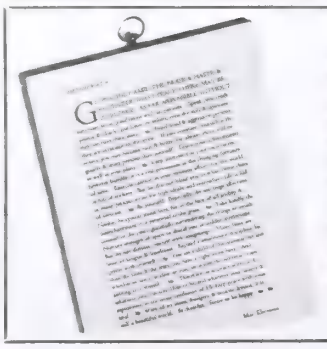
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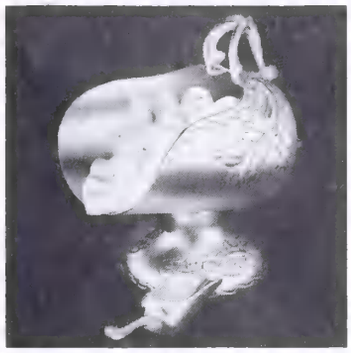
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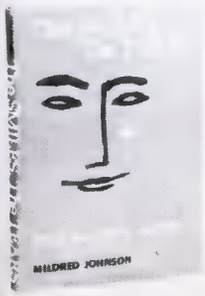


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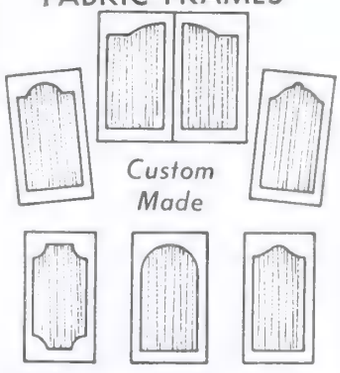
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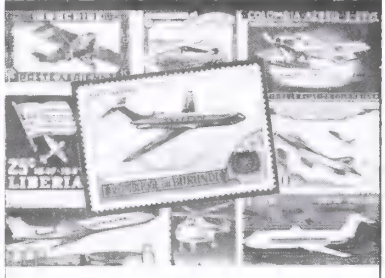
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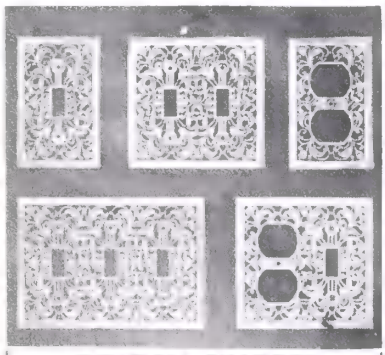
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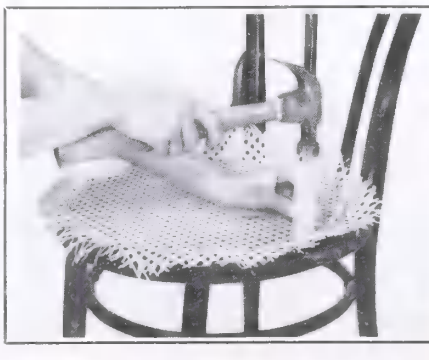
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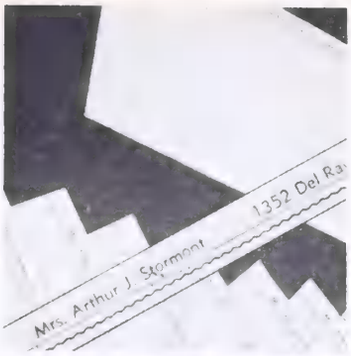
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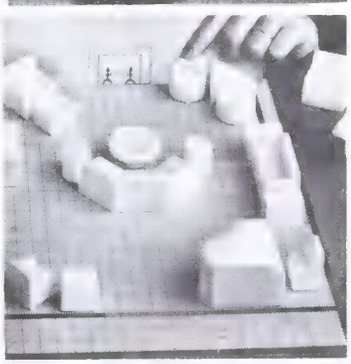
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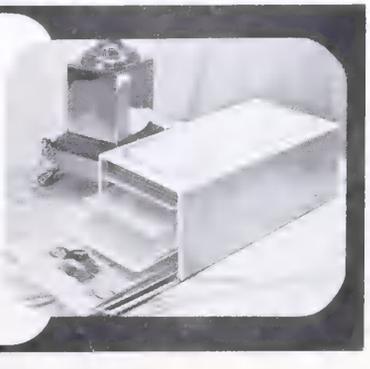
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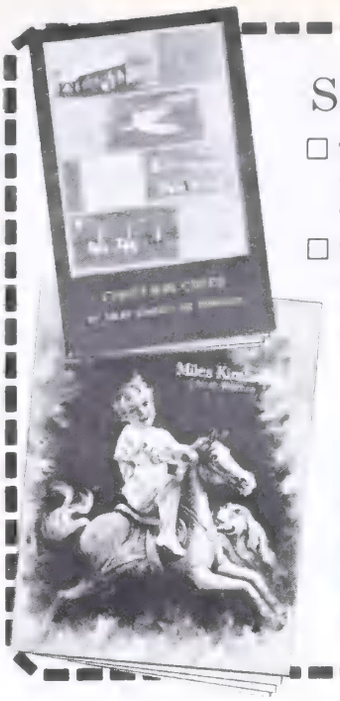
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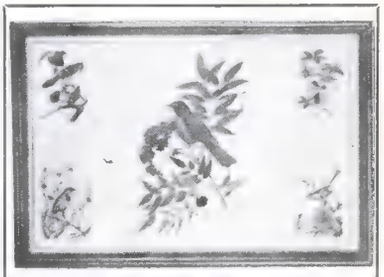
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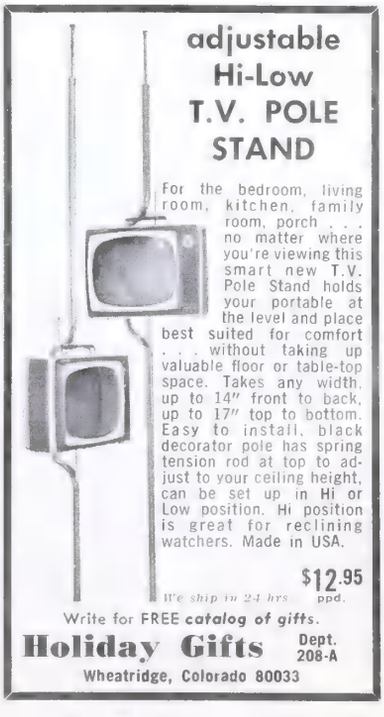
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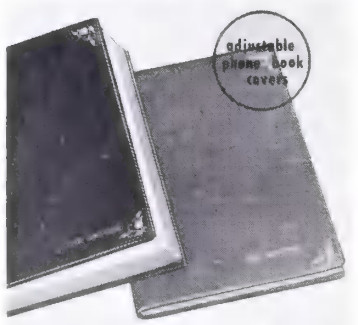
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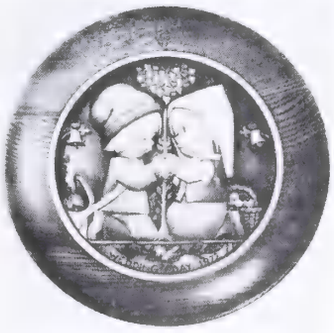
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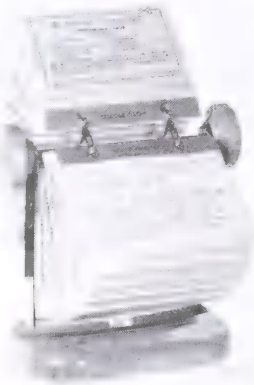
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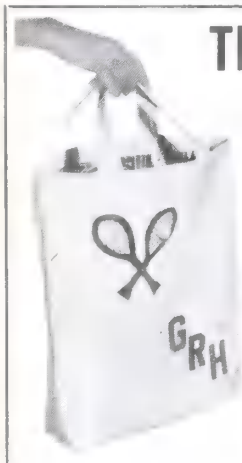
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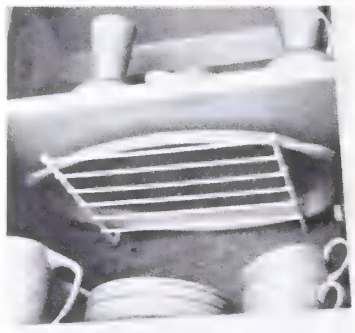
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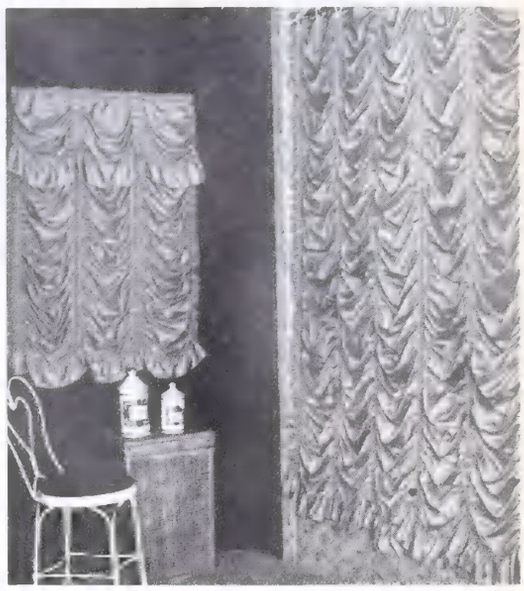
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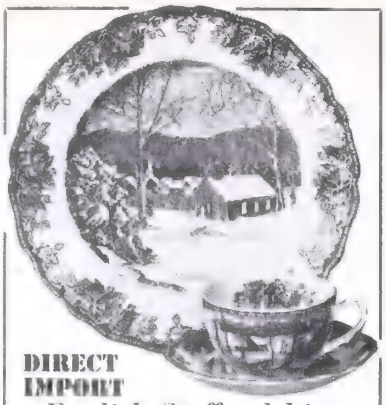
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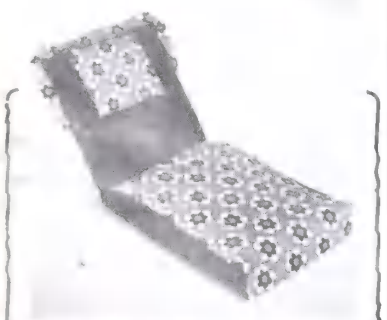
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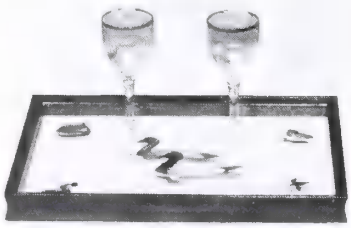
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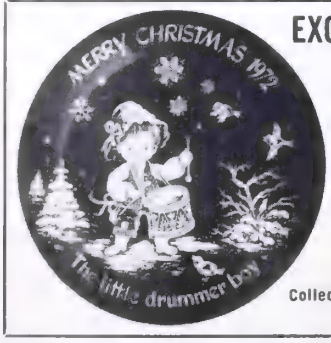
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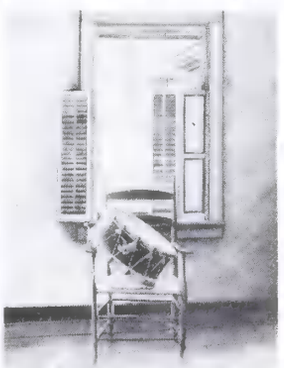
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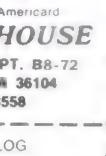


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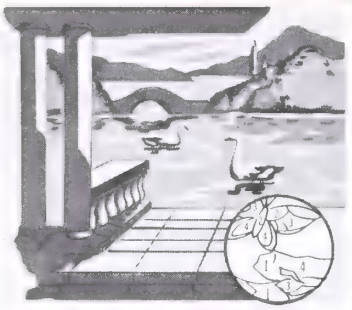
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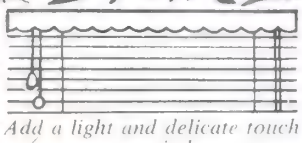
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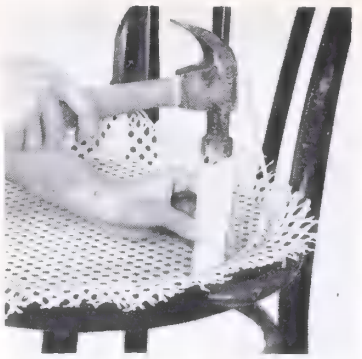


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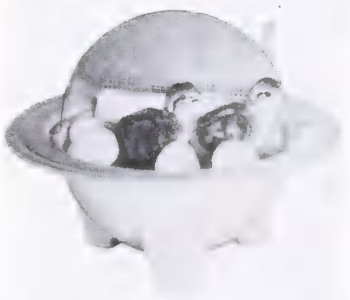
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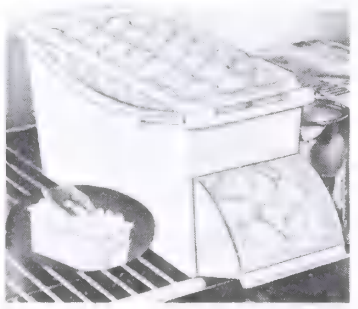
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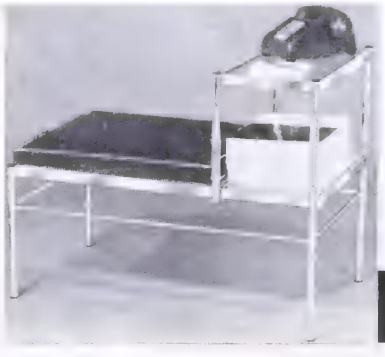
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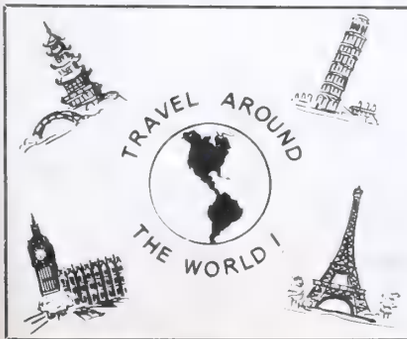


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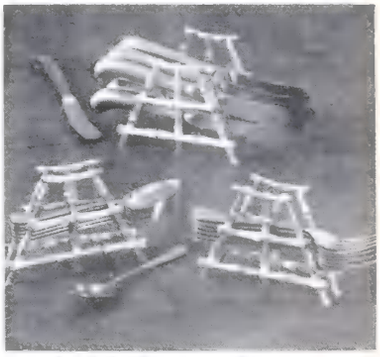
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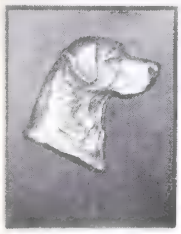
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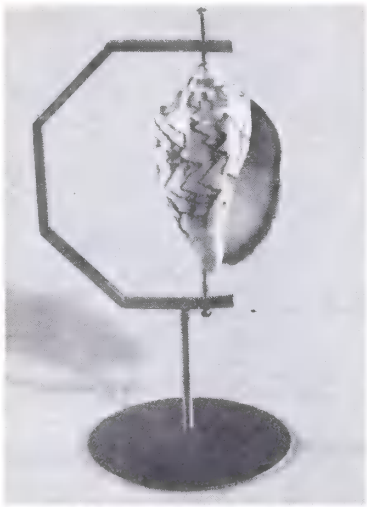
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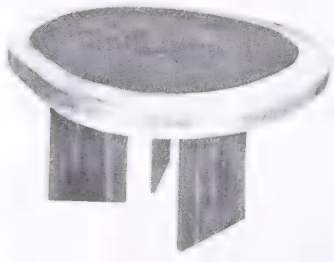
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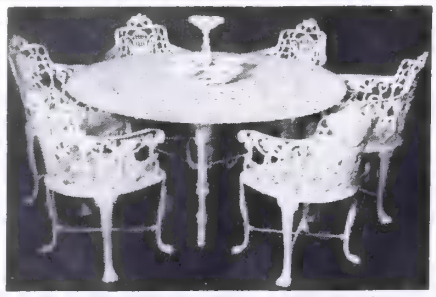
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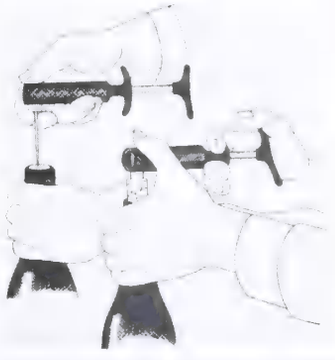
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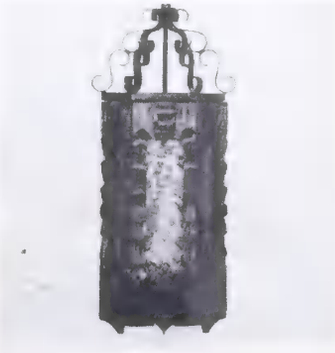
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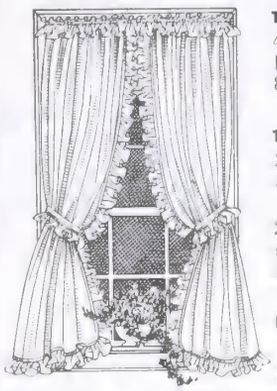


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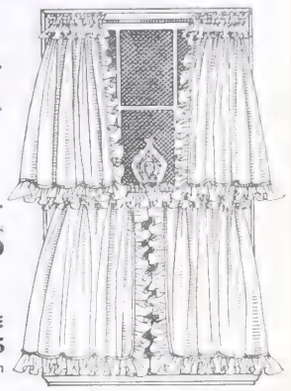


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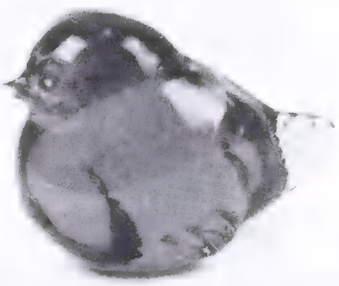


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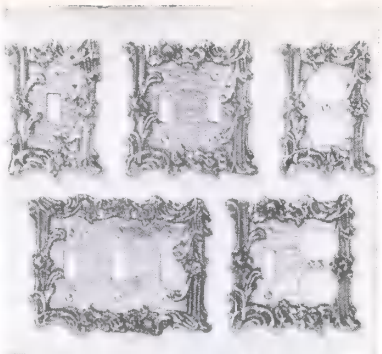
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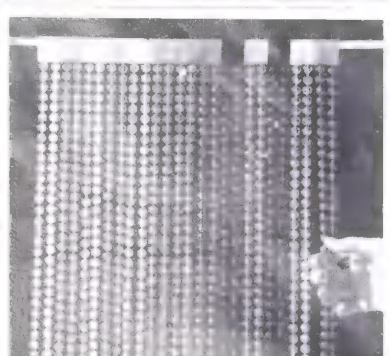
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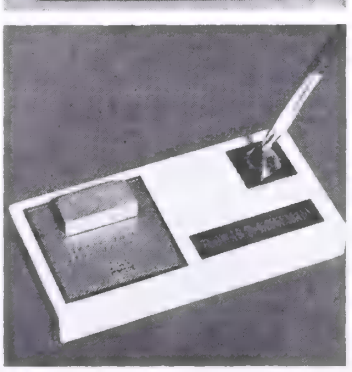
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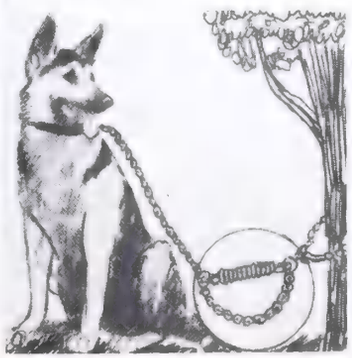


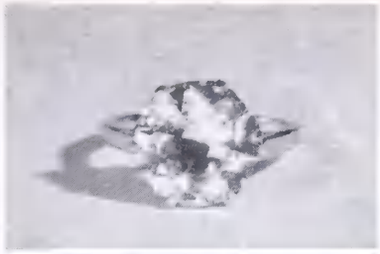












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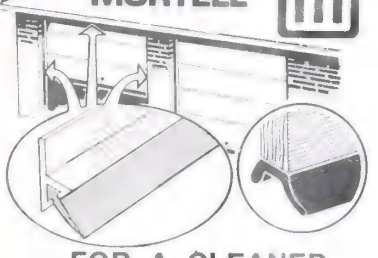
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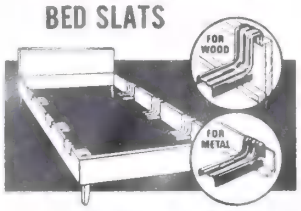
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Queen Anne chairs, gilt turtles, all baskets, crystal glasses with blue rim and plates, coffee cups and saucers with gold trim, and straw server with cover, all from R & R ROBINSON.* "Tartaruga" tablecloth fabric by WOODSON WALLPAPERS INC.* Server, FOUNDERS FURNITURE INC.

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Houseboat, KINGS CRAFT CORP., Box 2306, Florence, Ala. 35630. Directors' chairs and round wicker table, SEARS ROEBUCK & CO., P.O. Box 11787, Chicago 60611. Cotton duck fabric throughout houseboat including all cushions and throw pillows (with exception of dinette and bed), GALEY & LORD. All ball fringe, CONSO PRODUCTS INC. Plastic wine coolers by Mara Palmer from BONWIT TELLER, Fifth Avenue and 56th Street, N.Y.C. 10022. "Stately Mansions" Custom Crafts carpet in "Prussian Blue," "Meadowbrook 11" yellow, white, Acrilan acrylic, WEST POINT PEPPERELL. Triglas 11 flame-resistant window shade cloth, STAUFFER CHEMICAL CO. Yellow and blue vinyl-coated cloth tape trim on shades, ARNO ADHESIVE TAPES INC. All accessories, LUTEN-CLAREY-STERN INC.* Orange JVC television, LIBERTY MUSIC SHOPS, 450 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. "Linksville" cotton bedspread fabric, SOUTHBAY FABRICS INC.* Dimensional graphics by Ron Fritts, LUTEN-CLAREY-STERN INC.* "Linksville" cotton dinette fabric and vinyl-treated shell-patterned bathroom paper designed by Marguerite Stix, SOUTHBAY FABRICS INC.* Translucent Tontine bathroom shade cloth, STAUFFER CHEMICAL CO. "Paratiisi" china dishes by Arabia of Finland, H. E. LAUFFER. "Hearthstone" line goblets, BLOCK CHINA. Straw placemats, ROSENTHAL & NETTER. Enamel-handled flatware, BONNIERS, 605 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Pot from compact cookware set, CATHRINEHOLM LTD., available at GEORG JENSEN, 601 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 38-43—Curtis house

Hallway: Custom carpet, SAXONY CARPET CO. INC.
Garden room: "Festoon" sofa fabric, FRANCISCAN FABRICS INC.* Throw-pillow fabric, crystal and wooden bead trim, FORTUNY INC.* Chairs, Mc GUIRE; fabric, PETER SCHNEIDER SONS & CO.*
Living room: Sofa fabric, SCALAMANDRÈ SILKS INC.* Linen chair fabric, HENRY CALVIN FABRICS.* Blue-and-white print on miniature chairs, THOMAS K. SMITH INC.* Imported ladderback chair, custom coffee table, R & R ROBINSON INC.*
Dining room: Glassware, planter and custom-painted chairs, Italian imports; accessories, antique; all from R & R ROBINSON INC.* Chair pad fabric, HARBEN PAPERS & FABRICS.*
Master bedroom: Custom-designed canopy beds, elephant tusk lamps and country chair and ottoman, R & R ROBINSON INC.* Canopy and bedskirt fabric, STROHEIM AND ROMANN.* Haitian cotton coverlets, pillow shams, PATTERSON FABRICS.*
Master dressing room: "Pisces" wallpaper, PHILIP GRAF WALLPAPERS.* Striped paper on drawers, LOUIS W. BOWEN.* Lucite chair, MEDALLION LTD.; seat fabric, SCALAMANDRÈ SILKS INC.* Antique animal prints, R & R ROBINSON INC.*
Guest bedroom bath: Bristol blue vinyl paper, THOMAS K. SMITH INC.*
Guest bedroom (top): Chintz headboard and bedskirt, KENT BRAGALINE.*
Guest bedroom (bottom): Custom-made four-poster beds, R & R ROBINSON INC.* Bedspread, sham and ottoman fabrics, BRUNSCHWIG & FILS.* Pillow fabric, ARTHUR H. LEE & JOFA INC.* Carpeting, WEST POINT PEPPERELL.*

Pages 44-45—Retreat

Hide-A-Bed sofa by Model Squire, SIMMONS CO. Wood surfaces, U.S. PLYWOOD CORP. Countertop tile and undersills, AMERICAN-OLEAN. Floor, DEERING MILLIKEN INC. Patterned rug of Caprilon, REGAL RUGS INC. Lighting fixtures, GEORGE KOVACS, 831 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Lucite tables, SELIG MFG. CO.* Tractor seats, STENDIG INC.* Accessories, RAYMOR RICHARD MORGENTHAU INC. "Counter That Cooks," CORNING GLASS. Electronic oven, TAPPAN CO. Three-door refrigerator-freezer, FRIGIDAIRE. Luggage, ATLANTIC PRODUCTS CORP. Flower arrangement, ROBERT WEBB INC., 900 First Ave., N.Y.C.

Pages 46-49—Poolhouse

Living area: Cabinets, WESTCHESTER CUSTOM KITCHENS. Torino dining table, STENDIG, INC.* Directors' chairs, JENSEN-LEWIS CO. INC. Amata chairs and coffee table designed by Mario Bellini, imported from Italy, ATELIER INTERNATIONAL LTD.* "Lemon Peel Yellow" fabric on chairs, GENERAL TIRE AND RUBBER CO.* Pot lamps by Joe Colombo, GEORGE KOVACS LIGHTING INC.* Icemaker, "Scotsman," QUEEN PRODUCTS DIV., KING-SEELEY THERMOS CO. Stackables by Heller, white ceramic vases and silver vases, BONNIERS INC., 605 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Sculpture by "Todd" Williams.
Kitchen area: Cabinets, LOOSEN & BRAUTIGAM. Rolling counter shutter on front of kitchen, KINNEAR CORP. Laminated plastic countertops, FORMICA CORP. Stainless steel sink and fittings, ELKAY MFG. CO. "Counter That Cooks", CORNING GLASS. Dishwasher, KITCHENAID. Undercounter refrigerator, SUB-ZERO.
Exterior and terrace: Heated pool, E. L. WAGNER & CO. Vinyl-coated fence and gate, ROSSI BROS. FENCE CONTRACTORS. Terra cotta pots, ARCHITECTURAL POTTERY.* Terrace furniture, BROWN-JORDAN CO. Square table from Leisure Group, KNOLL INTERNATIONAL.* Awning windows, CARADCO INC. Deck stain and roof shingle bleach, SAMUEL CABOT INC. Landscaping by GREEN VALLEY NURSERIES.
Bathroom and dressing room area: Skydome, NATURILITE CO. Built-in lights, VERSEN. Hardware, SCHLAGE LOCK CO. Baths, fixtures and fittings, AMERICAN STANDARD. Steam bath fittings, SPEAKMAN CO. Waterproof light in showers, LIGHTOLIER.* Ceramic tile in showers, AMERICAN OLEAN TILE CO.

Pages 50-51—Cohen

Vinyl flooring, NAFCO INDUSTRIES INC. Paint, AMERITONE PAINT CORP. Latticework, CALIFORNIA REDWOOD ASSOCIATION. Countertops, THE FORMICA CORP. Recessed spotlights, HALO LIGHTING DIV., McGRAW EDISON CO. Furniture and accessories from GALLERIE LTD., 19730 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364. Wicker furniture by Danny Ho Fong, TROPI-CAL IMPORTS.* Sofa, AMERICAN WOOD-CUSTOM SHOP*. Fabrics, KIRK BRUMMEL FABRICS from KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE.* Lamps, GERALD MURRAY DESIGNS, 8075 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90069. Cocktail table, LEWIS MITTMAN.* Posters, BOUNDS-KAHL GALLERY, 8460 Melrose Place, Los Angeles 90069. Outdoor furni-

ture, BROWN-JORDAN CO. Plants around pool are from BERRY L. RIFE & ASSOCIATES, 10483 Sandall Lane, Bel Air, Calif.

Pages 52-55—Turner

Living room: All silk upholstery, SCALAMANDRÉ SILKS INC.* Picture over fireplace by Kelly. Small pictures by Richard Smith. *Master bedroom:* Walls hung with cotton duck, ISOBEL SCOTT.* *Guestroom:* Chintz on bed, ARTHUR H. LEE & JOFA INC.* All geometric carpets, THE MAGEE CARPET CO. *Kitchen:* Floor, AMTICO.* Wallpaper, I. D. FABRICS INC.*

Pages 56-59—Naturals

Living room: Sofa fabric, CLARENCE HOUSE.* Straw chairs, DEUTSCH INC.* End table, garden chest and carved Buddha head, antiques. Rug, PATTERSON FLYNN & JOHNSON INC.* All accessories, MR. MINO'S ANTIQUES, Old Roaring Brook Road, Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549. Painting by Mino. Floral arrangements and containers, ROBERT WEBB INC. 900 First Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 60-62—Paradox

Living room: Rug, STARK CARPET CO.* Sofa and chair fabrics, BRUNSCHWIG & FILS.* Scandinavian chairs are 15 years old. Velvet chair fabric, STROHEIM & ROMANN.* Side table, coffee table and pillows were custom-designed by Richard V. Hare. Bronze lamp, HANSEN LAMPS. Vertical Blinds, WINDOW MODES INC.* *Dining area:* Parsons table custom-made by Richard V. Hare. All shades and blinds, WINDOW MODES INC.* *Bedroom:* Carpet, STARK CARPET CORP.* Laminated window shades, WINDOW MODES INC.* Window shade fabric, STROHEIM & ROMANN.* French brass bed is old. Lamp, GEORGE KOVACS, 831 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021.

Page 63—Rum

Pitcher with cork stopper, PILGRIM GLASS CO.

Pages 64-65—Cool drinks

Retail addresses: GEORG JENSEN, 601 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. BONNIERS, 605 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. BLOOMINGDALE'S, Lexington Avenue and 59th Street, N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 68-71—Cook-Along

Japanese dinner: Plates, ROYAL CROWN DERBY. Stainless steel flatware in "Cabochon" pattern, SUPREME CUTLERY INC. "Princess" wine glasses, HOLMEGAARD. Reversible print/solid color napkins, HENRI BENDEL, 10 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10019. Purple dish, BLOOMINGDALE'S. Electric griddle, WEST BEND CO. Tortoise-shell bamboo blinds, HOLLAND SHADE CO. Floor pillows, KARL SPRINGER LTD.* Japanese flower arrangement created by Mrs. Peter Dunk, member of Ikebana International, New York Chapter. *Shore dinner:* All plaid dishes, pitcher and the pewter Portuguese shell dishes, B. ALTMAN & CO. Fifth Avenue and 34th Street, N.Y.C. 10016. Mugs and salt and pepper shakers, ROSENTHAL & NETTER INC. Mahogany steak boards, THE BOWL AND BOARD, 222 E. 51st St., N.Y.C. 10022. "Pilgrim" pattern stainless flatware, WILLIAM F. FRASER INC. Lobster crackers, BAZAR FRANÇAIS, 666 Sixth Ave., N.Y.C. 10009. Hurricane lanterns with candle holders, WEST VIRGINIA GLASS CO. Candles, BLUEGATE CANDLE CO. "Monopoly" pattern napkins, FALLANI & COHN INC. Bandana tablecloth and bar aprons, LEACOCK & CO. Thonet hairpin-back chairs, THE CHAIR STORE, 180 Third Ave., N.Y.C. 10003. Savory Clam Steamer, U.S. STAMPING CO. Antique straw basket, THE GAZEBO INC, 14 E. 59th St., N.Y.C. 10022. White plastic round pedestal table, BURKE-ACTION. Metal cart from DURHAM MFG. CO. Indian curry dinner party: "Generation" china plates, DANSK DESIGNS LTD. The deep copper gratin dishes, BAZAR FRANÇAIS. "Madrid" stainless steel flatware, ONEIDA LTD. Pilsner beer glasses from Kenton Collection, GEORG JENSEN.

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Pages 74-77—Amisano

Construction and equipment: Concrete block bearing walls. Roof, precast concrete slabs covered with built-up tar and gravel roof. Interior and exterior walls are sprayed cement stucco. Heating and air conditioning, CARRIER INC. Wall-mounted lighting fixtures, HABITAT INC. *Kitchen:* Refrigerator, GENERAL ELECTRIC. Range and oven, CALORIC. Faucet, MOEN. Dishwasher, KITCHENAID. Counters, FORMICA. Cabinets were custom-made. Quarry tile, AMERICAN OLEAN TILE CO. *Terrace:* Dining table and rocker, KNOLL INTERNATIONAL INC. *Living room:* Metal-rimmed straight chairs, MARCEL BREUER & Associates.* Drapes and couch cover, JACK LENOR LARSEN.* Rug, CUSTOM FLOOR COVERINGS MILLS. Wicker chairs are Italian farm chairs. Figured tapestry on wall, East Indian folk art. Painting over fireplace by George Beatti. Large painting and self-portrait both by David Hill. Sculpture against glass blocks, terra-cotta figures and lion, all by Elberto Wineberg.

Pages 78-82—Vacation

Construction and equipment: Foundations, PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION. Framing lumber, WESTERN WOOD PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION. Fir plywood, MELS LUMBER CO. INC., 120 First St. N.W., Auburn, Wash. 98003. Cedar plywood, EVANS PRODUCTS CO. Cedar boards, TYEE LUMBER & MFG. CO., 3737 A St. S.E., Auburn, Wash. 98002. Metal work, CENTURY METAL WORKS INC., 7126 W. Marginal Way S.W., Seattle 98106. Plumbing fixtures are by AMERICAN-STANDARD.Hardware, SCHLAGE LOCK CO. Plastic laminate counter tops, TEXTOLITE PLASTIC DEPARTMENT, GENERAL ELECTRIC. Paints, FULLER O'BRIEN CORP. Wood preservative, Thompson's Water Seal, E. A. THOMPSON CO. INC. Glass, PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS. Window frames, ALUMINUM WINDOW PLANT. Fireplace, Malm "Fire Duke" from SEATTLE FIREPLACE SHOP, 13728 Aurora North, Seattle 98133. Hot water baseboard heaters, INTERNATIONAL from COLUMBIA ELECTRIC. Batt insulation, OWENS-CORNING FIBERGLAS. Electric fixtures, LIGHTOLIER.* Appliances, GENERAL ELECTRIC. Wood shingles, RED CEDAR SHINGLE & HANDSPLIT SHAKE BUREAU. Cabinets, MAJOR LINE PRODUCTS CO. INC., 402 Tyler, Hoquiam, Wash. 98550. "Sea Isle" carpeting, VANTAGE from PORT ORCHARD CARPETS, 205 Bethel, Port Orchard, Wash. 98366. Builder: PANACOM BUILDING SYSTEMS INC., P.O. Box 611, Auburn, Wash. 98002. Panel components design: Robert E. Stidham. Landscaping: McAULIFFE NURSERY & LANDSCAPING. *Living/dining area:* Sofa, lounge chair, cube tables, floor and table lamps, DEL-TEET FURNITURE, 172 Broadway East, Seattle 98102. Plastic bookshelves, bedspreads and accessories, KEEG'S INTERIORS, 310 Broadway East, Seattle 98102. Pillows and accessories, SELDEN'S HOME FURNISHINGS, South 11th and A Streets, Tacoma, Wash. "Vibrations" dining table and chairs, J. C. PENNEY CO. INC., 1200 Southcenter Shopping Center, Seattle 98188. *Sleeping areas:* Mattress and sleeping bags, RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT INC. Pillows, SELDEN'S HOME FURNISHINGS. Accessories, KEEG'S INTERIORS. ■

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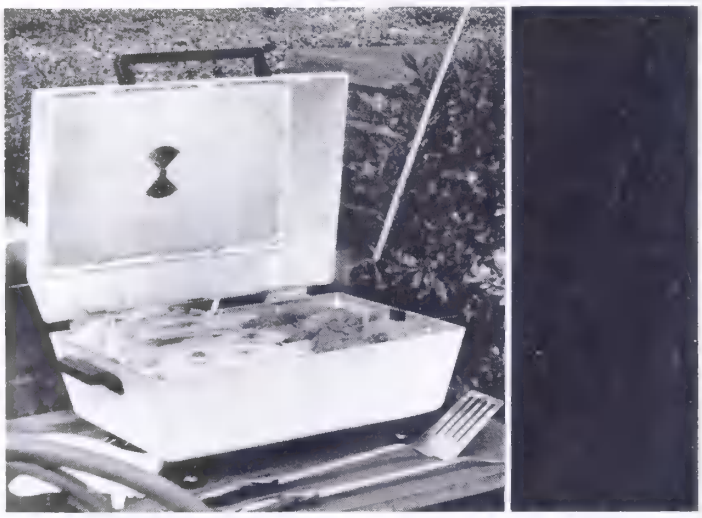
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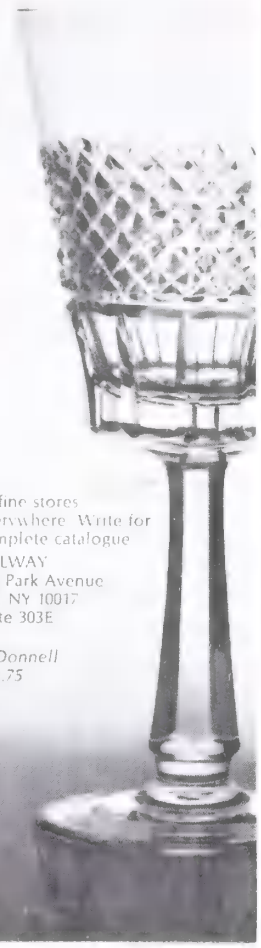
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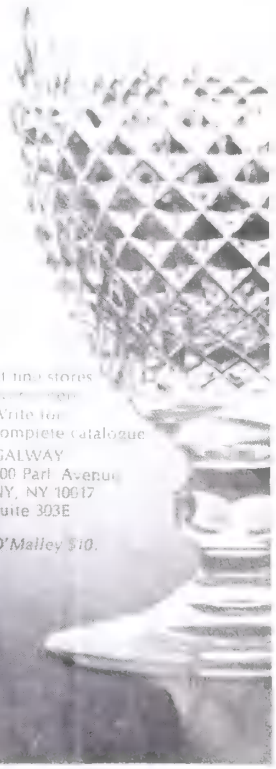
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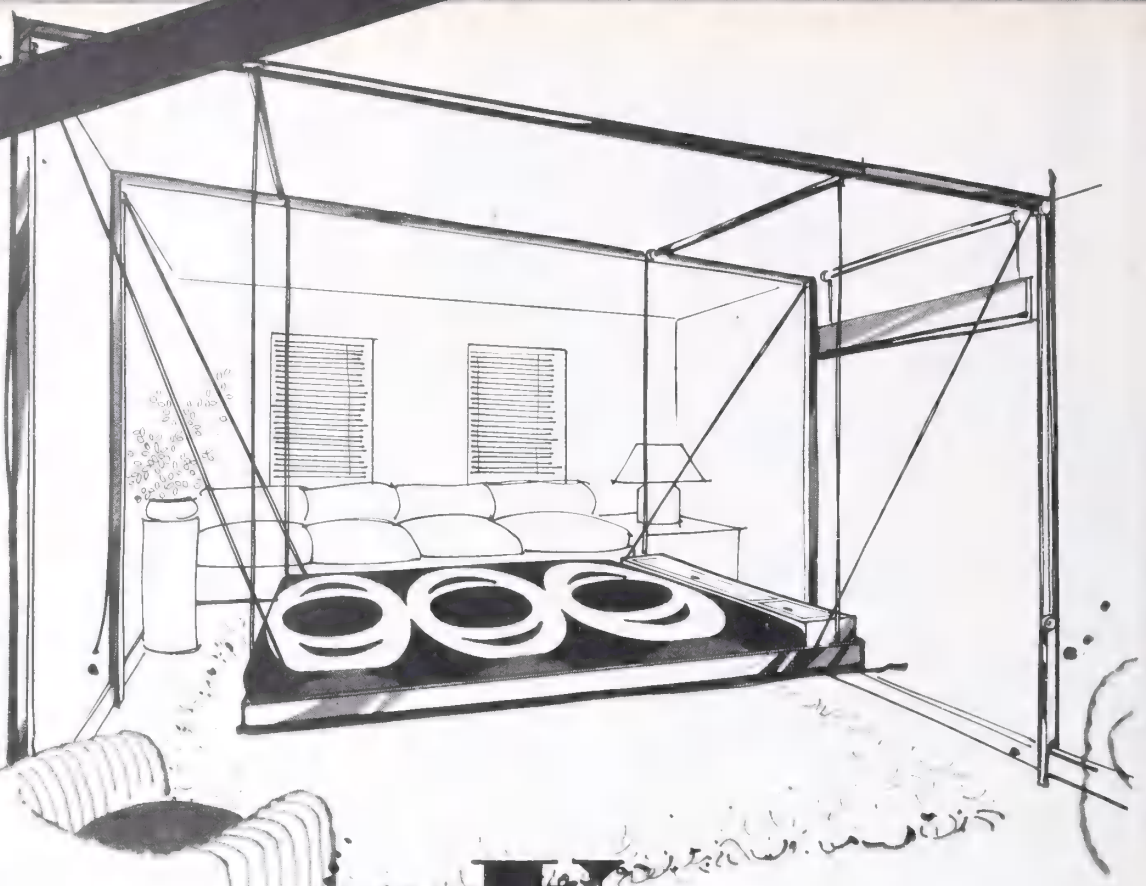
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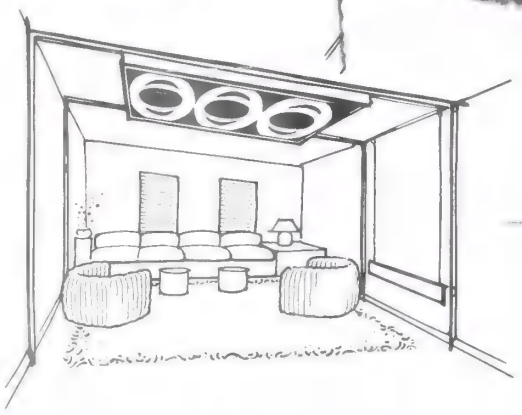

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NEW COMMUNITIES— A CHANGING WAY OF LIFE

Remember when young families spent Sunday afternoons inspecting model houses? They would clip alluring ads from the real estate pages and follow the directions into distant precincts, where they woud at last arrive at bulldozed moonscape. There, just beyond the fresh-laid macadam dead end, would be the furnished models: your choice of Cape Cod, Colonial or French Provincial. These were the sum and substance of still another Sunny Acres, "convenient to shopping, schools and all houses of worship."

Sunny Acres, multiplied many times in many places, is what made suburban sprawl. To be sure, when a family went looking for a house in one Sunny Acres or another, they placed a certain premium on location and a greater one on the reputation of the local schools. But basically it was not the subdivision itself that attracted prospects; rather it was the search for a particular kind of three-bedroom house with a formal dining room, perhaps, or a wood-burning fireplace.

That isn't necessarily the case today. Typically, when a family goes looking for a new or different roof over their heads, their collective mind's eye conjures not simply a new house but an entire community. And not merely a new community but a *planned* one, where the social and recreational amenities are tailored to fit the most arcane lifestyles. The words "amenities" and "lifestyles" are essential in the brochures for today's new places to live. (*Continued*)



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New communities today go by a number of names. The most ambitious-sounding is the "new town" which implies the whole works: housing of many types, full-scale downtown areas with shopping, commercial and professional facilities and enough local business and industry to provide jobs for most of the community's residents.

Another label for the new community is "open-space community." The National Association of Homebuilders has reckoned that there are presently between 200 and 250 such communities at various stages of completion in the U.S. These communities may or may not have integral shopping, commercial and other urbanlike accommodations; many are strictly residential. What they do have in common, however, is new-style land planning that banishes the old grid plan development, in which each house is a cookie-cutter product in the center of its little rectangular plot. Such developments, with their thousands of useless sideyards, front yards and parking land, have hastened the growth of planned communities—simply because they have chewed up land so voraciously on the urban fringe of our major population centers.

By contrast, the houses in open-space planning are clustered in a compact fashion, thus producing a great deal more open land for everyone to benefit from. The uninitiated may ask, "If you push all the houses closer together to gain this open space, doesn't this destroy a family's sense of privacy?" The answer is not at all, *if* the planning is skillful. For one thing, effective clustering may incorporate a number of housing types, as in the superbly done garden-city of Tapiola, Finland, where single-family houses, attached low-rise units and higher density buildings are mixed together. Privacy is enhanced, and the neighborhood is a striking mix of people, buildings and nature.

New-communities developers (or at least their design professionals) say they are involved in something called "synergy." That's simply the business of making one plus one add up to more than two—the more, the better. Old-style suburbs were the opposite: You bought a house in the boondocks and you were forced to buy a second car. You drove to one center for groceries, another to drop off a child at dancing school, still another to go to the dentist. Your husband lost more time each day commuting as traffic thickened, and life generally got to be a hassle. One plus one didn't even equal two.

One new town is capitalizing unabashedly on suburbia's failures. The headline of its ads in national periodicals reads: "Haven't you lived with other people's mistakes long enough?" And the body copy beguiles you with the assurance that this particular new town is being planned "from scratch," so you can live "without the problems of most other places."

Of course, the developers of planned communities aren't in business merely to be nice to mankind. They are plunging into large-scale open-space communities because the economics of our society require them to do so. Land costs dictate the need to stop wasting so much of it. Moreover, the public is waking up to the realization that, environmentally and socially, there's got to be a better way.

Making one plus one yield real bonuses is the name of the new-communities game. And putting the car in its proper place, for example, is now accepted by an increasing number of people as an imperative—even if it means putting a small crimp in a family's practice of never walking more than 3.2 steps from auto to hearth. At the new town of New Franconia in Fairfax, Va., the developers are gambling on the acceptance of a monorail public transit system that will literally be the community's backbone. Half of New Franconia's ultimate population of 39,000 will live within 500 feet of a monorail station and another 30% within 800 feet. Rides will be free and frequent—trains running on a 90-second interval around the clock. And since the monorail will connect with Washington's now-abuilding metro system, who'll need a car?

At the new town of Las Palmas del Mar in Puerto Rico, all cars will be stopped at the town gates. From that point, you either hoof it or proceed on one of a variety of small, electric-powered vehicles. And what does one plus one produce at Las Palmas? Nothing less than a charming, pedestrian-oriented place of narrow winding streets, pleasant vistas and human-scale architecture. In short, Las Palmas is a modern version of an Italian hill town. Serene and idyllic.

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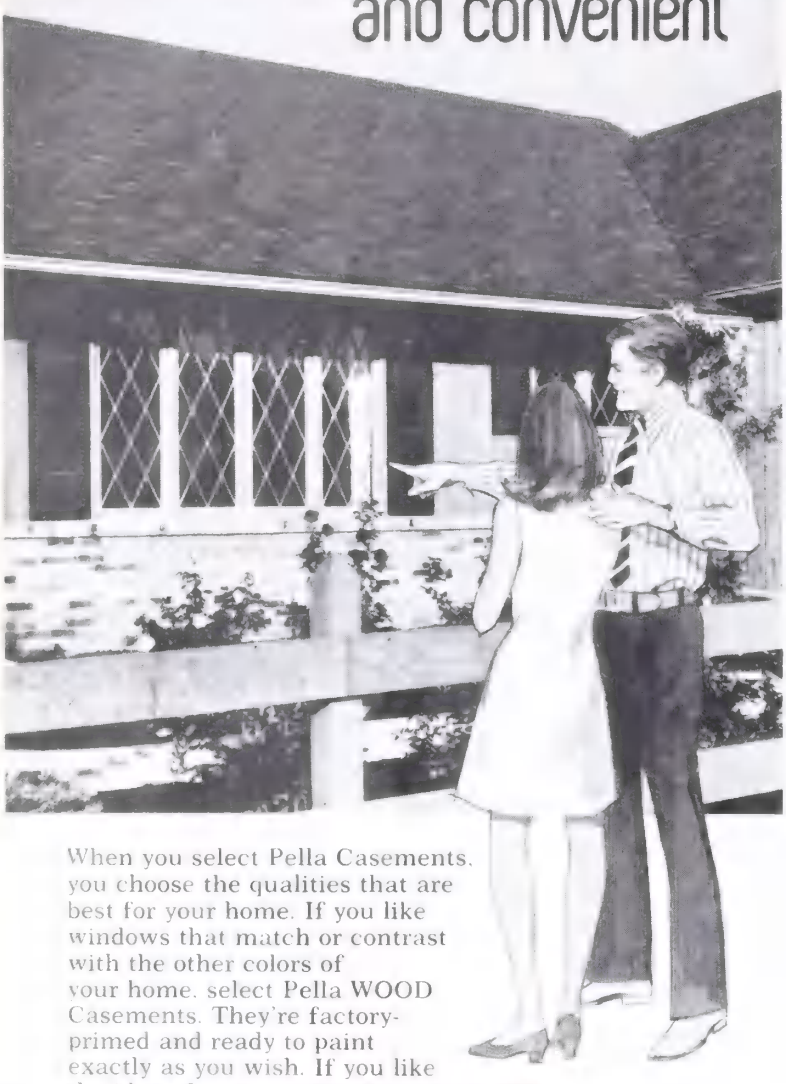
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The League itself was established to lend a hand to anyone brash enough to get into the new-town business. One of its leaders is Robert E. Simon, founder of Reston, Va., one of America's two most famous new towns (the other, of course, being Columbia, Md.). Another is Henry T. McKnight, who heads the only new-town development team that has received approval on two different new towns under a federally insured program aimed mainly at encouraging new communities by reducing the financial risk of starting them. One of these, Jonathan, Minn., 18 miles southwest of Minneapolis, interested the Department of Housing and Urban Development because it is being planned as an "add-on" to an existing small town. The other is called Cedar-Riverside, whose status as a "new town *in* town" has made it one of the most closely watched of all new towns. Cedar-Riverside, originally the idea of a McKnight associate, Gloria Segal, represents an exciting gamble to rejuvenate a central city neighborhood through new-town thinking and development. If Cedar-Riverside makes good on its aim to revitalize the culture and physical environment near the heart of downtown Minneapolis, other cities may be encouraged to try wholesale new-town redevelopment, too.

Are these new communities really offering a better way of living? By conventional real estate standards, the answer must be yes. Few new towns have succeeded thus far in providing the completely "balanced" population longed for by idealistic planners. The janitor doesn't live next door to the banker in most of them; nor is there an impeccable cross-section of life from an ethnic/social/cultural standpoint.

Yet the beauty of these new towns as a new solution for urban living is found in their scale and commitment. They are big enough to permit infinitely more diversity than ever developed in suburbia. And unlike yesterday's subdivision, a new town can be undertaken only by a dedicated developer; you simply can't walk away from a New Franconia or a Cedar-Riverside when the going gets rough. Now towns stress the fun things—the mini-sized artificial lake, the not-so-championship golf course, the nursery schools and the bridle trails. And, to be sure, these are important. But where they have their greatest opportunity to shine is in the intangibles. For if people can be stimulated to interact, to join things, to fight for goals, to develop cooperative programs—then you've no longer got a new town, but a working community.

—WILLIAM HOUSEMAN, editor, *The Environmental Monthly*

noteworthy

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wildlife. Need protection over a larger area—say, for a garden party or outdoor wedding? For this need, Village Blacksmith makes a hand-operated machine called a Blitz Fog. This portable device operates off a small propane gas cartridge, which propels a dry, dense insecticide fog into surrounding foliage. Generally, one fogging will keep the bugs away for an evening. The device sells for around $37.

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—NANCY CRAIG

letters

Each month I look forward to many relaxing hours with HB. But I cannot say the same for the April issue. My initial reaction was not to quiet, beautiful things, but to sheer excitement. I found myself quickly flipping the pages, eagerly scanning them. There was so much to see and read, and colors literally jumped off the pages—right to me. I have gone back several times to give the things I enjoy most my special attention. "Insight" promises to be a favorite; I liked it very much. I can best relate to the warmth and "romanticism" expressed throughout pages 87-114. Please, more and more of that kind of decorating. Another request, please: wallpaper ideas—all kinds. Many thanks for many ideas I have used or just thought about because I liked them.—D.F., Freeport, N.Y.

House Beautiful? Where? Thirty-two pages out of 160? Most people want decorating ideas, not an essay on lifestyles in a decorating magazine. And certainly not storage ideas, casseroles and Burgundy (March). I found a nightgown and a purse I liked—in a decorating magazine! I repeat: Where is House Beautiful?—B.B., Cos Cob, Conn.

I have been a subscriber to your magazine for many years and am amazed at the effervescent tone you maintain with every issue. You really teach your readers that one can live on a furniture budget and that good taste comes from practice and not just from big spending.—A.W., Wayne, N.J.

I very much regret my expensive subscription to House Beautiful. I think it should be renamed "House Horrible." Thank goodness for the ads in the back.—Mrs. T.M.B., Florissant, Mo.

I get House Beautiful regularly. The section "Nobody Ever Tells You These Things" by Helen McCully is extremely interesting and has the best factual information I have ever read. Could these facts be compiled into a book? They have been a great help to me.—A.M.Q., Washington, D.C.

Your bookstore will undoubtedly have Nobody Ever Tells You These Things, *first published in 1967; also Miss McCully's later book,* Things You've Always Wanted to Know About Food and Drink, *in a similar format, published in August of this year. Both books are from Holt, Rinehart & Winston.*—Ed.

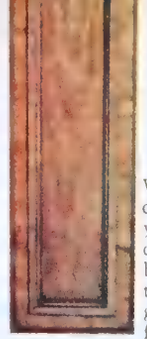
I don't know how you can keep a straight face and still put "House Beautiful" on your May cover. I was very disappointed with the April and May issues. I've never seen such horrendous taste being pawned off as being "the latest" in beauty for home decorating.—Mrs. G.K., St. Louis, Mo.

I am not a lover of modern furnishings—please show more period or even Victorian pieces of furniture. Not everyone is interested in way-out colors and far-out furnishings.—P.B.R., Terre Haute, Ind.

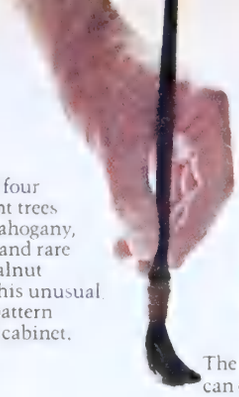
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May I congratulate you? I am a lover of the ultra-modern houses and the modern décor that represents "now." People with Early American, 18th-century French and Italian tastes are living in the past, unaware of the new, beautiful world that surrounds them. Times have changed and it's refreshing to see your magazine keeping up with them. The homes and furnishings in HB truly show your good taste and awareness of what represents a House Beautiful.—D.J., Joliet, Ill.

I have always been pleased with your coverage of beautiful home furnishings that are as carefree as possible. Thank you for a reliable magazine that keeps us up on new ideas and practical beauty.—Mrs. L.W.D., Jupiter, Fla.

It is my hope that you never try to gear your magazine to the average citizen and lower the standards of your homes economically for that purpose. There are other magazines on the market to fill that need. It is a challenge to some of us to adopt many ideas from HB and utilize them within our own means. Also, here is one reader who prefers the modern to the traditional.
—D.W. Massapequa, N.Y.

address book

Here is the fifth installment of our Address Book Directory. The first appeared in May. Clip the column and save it. When the series is completed, you will have our entire guide to hard-to-find items and repairers of the rare *objet*.—JEAN BAKER

SCREENS, *Continued*

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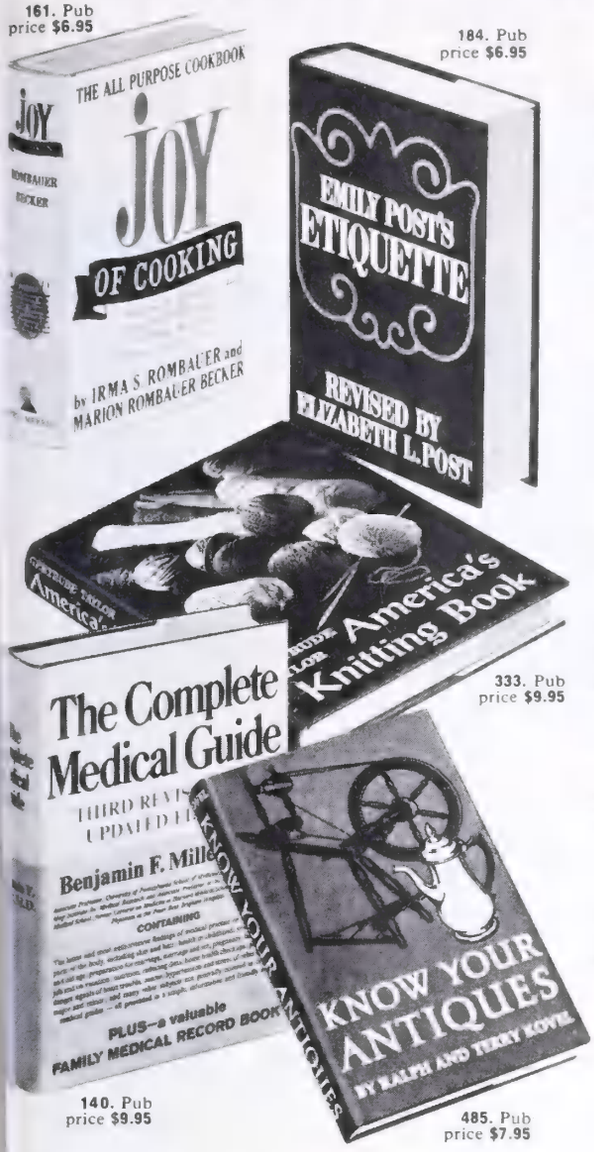
HB's Directory of Matching Services, House Beautiful, Room 957, 717 Fifth Ave., New York City 10022—lists sources for matching silver as well as china and glass.

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The Tracey Co. Inc., 382 Lafayette St., New York City 10003—refinishes and replates silver and gold, replaces or reproduces finials for teapots; replaces all parts: combs, mirrors, ivory insulators, brushes, knife blades, wood handles, in ebony, ivory, teak, rosewood and apple. (*Continued*)

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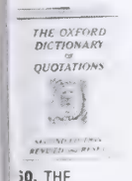
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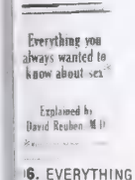
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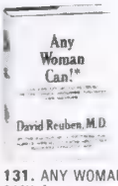
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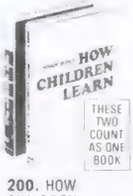
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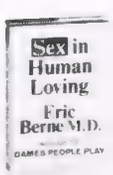
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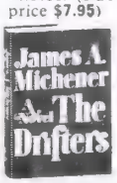
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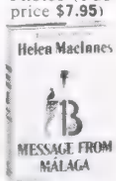
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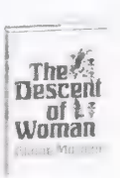
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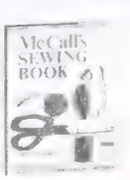
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it's legal

Last year the Palmer family moved from their city apartment to a new house 60 miles away in an adjacent state. After the mover unloaded and left, Sue Palmer discovered that a $275 chair was missing, a $1,500 rug was damaged and $60 lamp badly chipped. What legal recourse did they have?

Protesting phone calls to the moving company proved fruitless. Mrs. Palmer was reminded that she had signed a receipt for delivery of the family's possessions in good condition (before she noticed anything was wrong). Naively believing that they had surrendered their right to make any legal claim, the Palmers ruefully accepted their losses.

Actually, when Sue Palmer signed the receipt it meant only that she was receiving her belongings in *apparent* good condition. This does not relieve the carrier of its liability—whether or not any loss or damage was discovered at the time. Under Interstate Commerce Commission rules relating to interstate moves, the Palmers had nine months from delivery date in which to file a claim. The moving company must acknowledge the claim within 30 days and it must pay, decline or settle the claim within 120 days.

Clearly, if you are planning to move, the first bit of advice is not to sign a receipt until you have inspected everything delivered. Presumably you've been smart enough to have made an inventory of your major belongings (including their condition and value) and given a copy to the mover. This inventory should be checked before the van leaves the point of origin and again before it leaves the destination.

Then if you are aware that something is missing or damaged, insist that the mover note it on your delivery receipt, as well as on his inventory copy and yours. Make sure he signs your copy. Ask him to give you a claim form and, as soon as possible, fill out the form and submit it to the company.

You must have proof of your claim. The best proof is the written notation on the shipping paper and inventory sheet at time of delivery. But bear in mind that if you've done some of your own packing of breakables the mover isn't liable for them.

How much can you collect from the mover for losses or damage? On a local move, the company's liability generally comes to only 30 cents a pound per article or container. Interstate, the mover's liability is limited to 60 cents a pound. (On the Palmers' five-pound $60 lamp, the liability would have been only $3.) However, you can set a lump-sum value on your entire shipment—paying an extra charge of 50 cents per $100—if you want to be paid in full for lost or damaged items. You set this value on the bill of loading you must approve and sign when everything is first loaded on the van. (This paper gives the terms and conditions of the move and constitutes the receipt for your goods; don't neglect to get your own copy.)

You need not fix the value of each article. But to simplify your claims, it's wise to keep receipts to show what you originally paid for items. But even without individual receipts, your lump-sum valuation should still enable you to reach a good settlement on any item in your inventory that might have been lost or damaged during the moving process.

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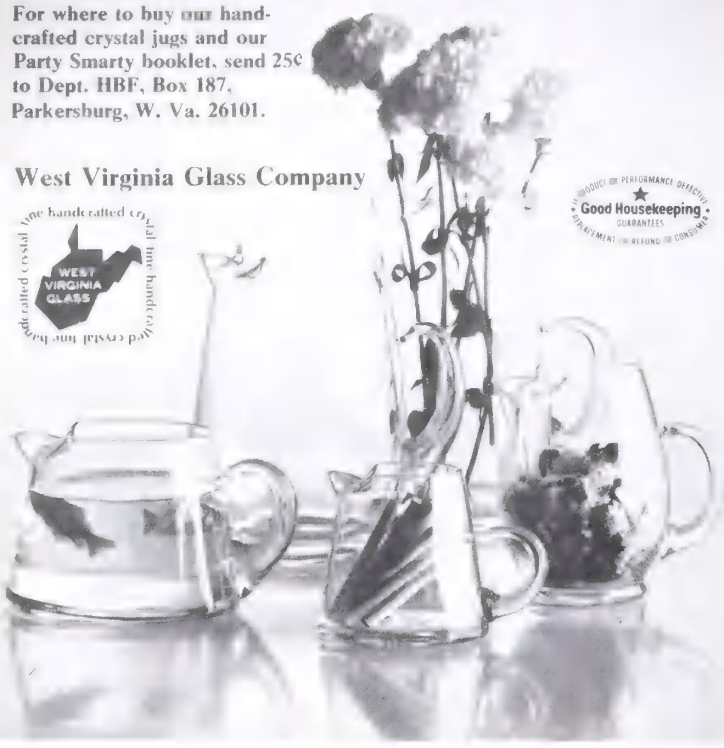
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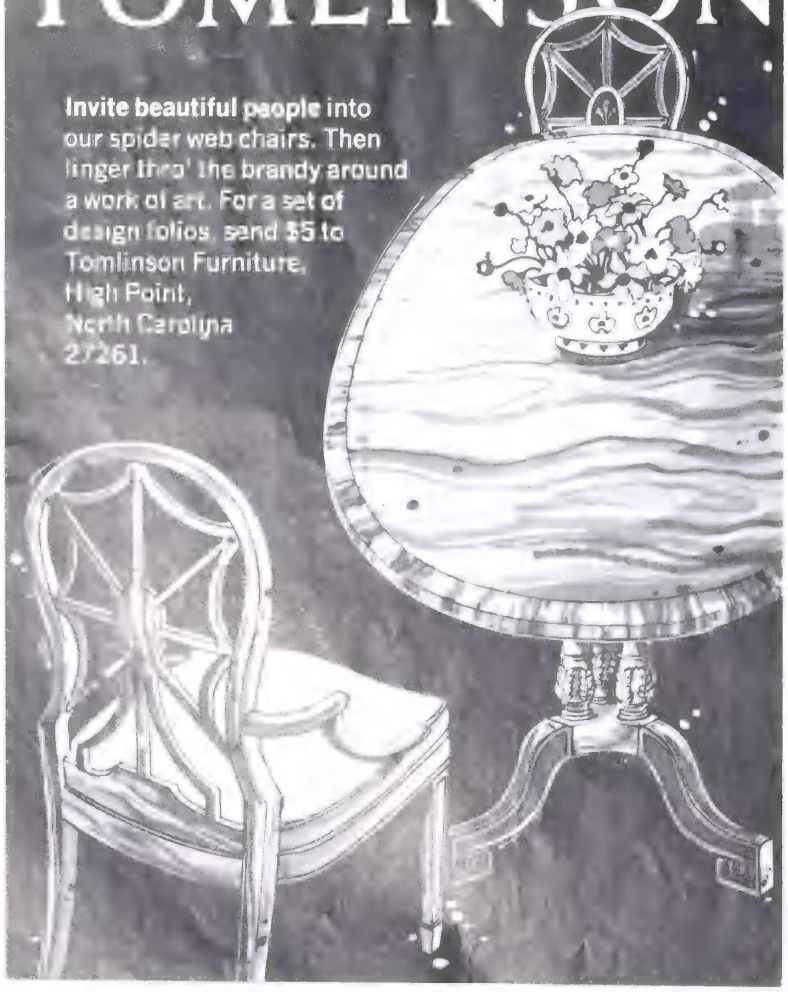
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music

"***My business is teaching*** human beings how to live and work together," says Dr. Robert Pace, and with that simple statement sums up the philosophy behind his phenomenally successful classes in group piano instruction. What Dr. Pace has been fighting for a decade or more are the piano teachers who teach as they might have taught a hundred years ago. "We have to get music back to what it was *several* hundred years ago. In the baroque period everybody knew music symbols. They got together and improvised music.

"If you teach kids music fundamentals early enough, these become a part of the subconscious. Usually these basic fundamentals are learned at college level, and only by music majors. This shouldn't be. Every child can make music, and the time to begin is with the young, uncluttered mind. A six-year-old gets to know a key signature, an I or a V chord, as a means of expressive communication. It is another language. There is no drilling. And because he plays every week for his peers in the group lessons, there is no fear of a recital.

"The child who learns music as another language also knows how to improvise. He learns to think in motion. At recital time



Dr. Robert Pace teaches a gathering of young but eager music students at one of his classes in group piano instruction. The children learn not only from their teacher, but from each other, as well. And, Dr. Pace points out, because they perform so often before their peers, they do not develop the inhibitions that hamper most private-lesson music students.

he has no fear of a memory lapse while playing the rote-learned piece. If he forgets, he knows he can improvise until he gets back on the track. With this kind of positive assurance there is less chance he'll forget anyway."

Another major point in Dr. Pace's group piano approach is peer learning and peer teaching. Children learn more directly and honestly from and with each other. They exchange ideas. A 10-year-old teaching a 10-year-old speaks 10-year-old; it's better than an adult trying to speak 10-year- (*Continued*)



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old. At home, a child's individual practice is not enforced solitary confinement, but rather a time when he prepares to go back to the group with new ideas and new facility in music.

Dr. Pace says the real key to his group piano teaching lies in the philosophy of growth motivation. This is in direct contrast to what most of us know all too well, deficit motivation, which goes like this: If you don't practice, you can't go out and play. Or, if you practice an hour every day, I'll take you skiing. The better way is for the child to learn that in pleasing self, he pleases others. He wants to go on to the next task because he has done something well that was satisfying. This builds. The more you know, the more you can know. The result is an insatiable thirst for growth.

Home base for Dr. Pace is Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. Since the early 1960s, more than 25,000 teachers have been exposed to his teaching philosophies. In a typical 20-day period it is not unusual for Dr. Pace to conduct 20 seminars in 20 different cities. He stays unstrung through this hectic schedule by escaping alone, flying his own Comanche plane from seminar to seminar. Adults of any age, as well as children, can participate in group piano under the leadership of a teacher who practices the Pace method. For more information, write the National Piano Foundation, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611.

—ELVIN McDONALD

books

Are summer-end blues getting you down? Discouraged over spending another year with overly familiar surroundings in your home? Then change your personal environment. Ideas for doing just that abound in the books below.

If you need some new furniture and aren't sure of all the ins and outs of buying it, start with How to Buy Furniture by Donna Difloe (Macmillan, $6.95). This lightly written, basic book will tell you what you need to know without grinding it in. And, while you're waiting for a chance to get the book, see our feature on buying furniture, pages 116-121.

Are you troubled by what paint color is right for you? Do you panic when there seems to be more of your carpet in the vacuum cleaner than on the floor? If so, The Layman's Handbook of Interior Design by Ellen Angell, A.I.D. (Exposition Press, $5) should soothe you. There's not much in-depth information in this sparsely illustrated book, but the text will give you an indication of the factors that go into decorating a house.

Your house and most of its contents reflect your personality, or so says Virginia Frankel in What Your House Tells About You (Trident Press, $5.95). "Just as it's been said that some people look like their dogs, it can be said that some people look like their homes." Through chatty anecdotes about her clients, their secret wishes and peculiarities, Ms. Frankel formulates decorating categories and explains how a person's upbringing and psychological vibrations result in certain types of room schemes. Though it's amusing, I would advise keeping a saltshaker within reach.

With all of the interest in Early American furnishings, you might look inside a few top-notch houses for inspiration. Old Virginia Houses Along the Fall Line by Emmie Ferguson Farrar and Emilee Hines (Hastings House, $15) is a beautifully illustrated book. The text is a fascinating history of the people who occupied the houses. It's not a new book, but it's classic.

On to the details, such as rugs. Oriental Rugs and Carpets by Fabio Formenton (McGraw-Hill, $12.95) is for all who love, own or want more of Orientals. Superb color plates and illustrations create a graphic book that categorizes Oriental carpets and their decoration. It includes regions with their representative designs and has a guide to buying and maintenance.

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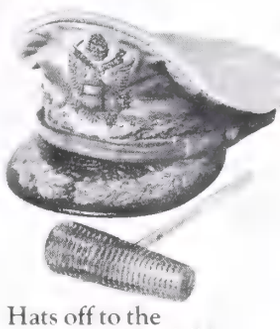
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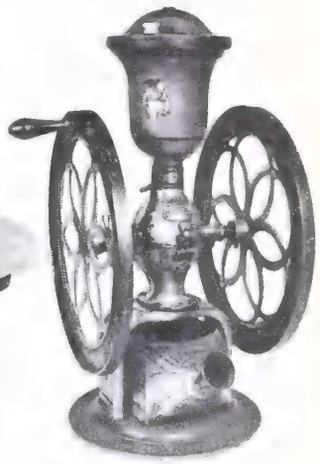
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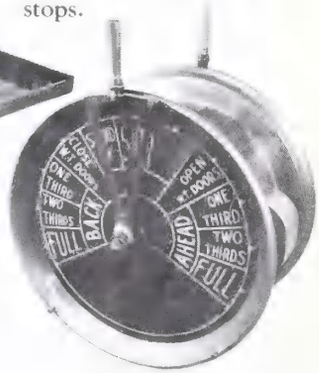
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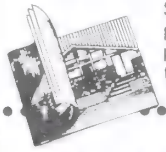
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beauty

Ladies, listen! Do you want to take years off your face, pounds and inches off your figure? Safely? Quickly? Banish your bar bells. A pox on the sauna. If you are hanging on rings, curl yourself out to a sitting position and hear this. According to Manya Kahn, an authority on exercise even before it became fashionable, bar bells, sauna and acrobatics invite harm—not health. Manya Kahn, who studied ballet in Russia since she was five years old, studied physical therapy, as well, when she came to America at 16 and worked in hospitals here, is eminently qualified to speak on the ways of the body—how it works and how to reshape it. In New York, where thousands are frantically exercising as disciples of someone's credo, Manya Kahn has her own regime, which devoted clients follow in a posh salon in a four-floor townhouse on a pleasant tree-lined street.

If you have the time—two hours or more, due to the complexities of dressing and undressing—and money (*plenty*), after an introductory session with figure analysis ($20), you can be privy to a course that should continue for life.

The Manya Kahn exercises called "Body Rhythms" are based on a slow stretch-breathe-relax technique. Each of the five separate routines has its own basic position—slant-board, sitting, half-reclining, kneeling, standing. After an hour



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I went up to Mrs. Kahn's office on the third floor (noticing that ladies pad around in leotards or sheets on their way to massages). Carpeting, thick. Atmosphere, soothing.

Manya Kahn, an energetic and dedicated woman in her 60s, with a mild trace of a Russian accent, looked me over and sighed. Damage, I realized.

"Mush," she said, grabbing bits of me here and there. I must *gain* weight. I must start at once. I, so slim, so chic was—an Emergency! If I came every day for two weeks, I could be saved. Although I haven't "turned out" yet, I am absolutely certain that this is The Method. I, who have cheerfully hung from bars and turned somersaults and stood on my head and jumped around and sat on machines in the constant pursuit of a lovelier me, was to become suddenly—yes, suddenly—more relaxed and, as they say in the exercise world, "tighter."

After I signed up, Mrs. Kahn and I talked about beauty and other matters of import. Basic tenet: Men should look like men. Women should look like women. *Feminine!*

It happens that I have a thorough background in Women's Lib literature and, although not liberated myself, I can speak fluently on the subject. I suggest that the (*Continued*)

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word "feminine" is old-fashioned. *Feminine?* "What's wrong with that word?" Manya Kahn asks in rhetorical exasperation. "A woman can be bright, successful and strong, but she doesn't have to look male. She should look attractive and alluring."

Mrs. Kahn doesn't fight the traditional definitions of male and female. "Gentleness and tenderness are female qualities. It is rare that you will find a man who is gentle and tender. Women's Lib will pass when the world is not so disturbed. People are not relaxed and therefore they're acting out strange lifestyles. A woman should work and be paid the same as a man for the same job, but with all this freedom, freedom, freedom, I don't see them more relaxed or content."

Since age we must, we talked about doing it gracefully. "Aging doesn't mean a woman in her late 50s or early 60s should look old and unattractive. If a woman is physically fit, if her posture is good, if her weight is normal, she looks and feels younger and healthier. There's no reason why a woman past 60 shouldn't walk with grace and energy. I have women who are with me about 30 years and are now in their late 70s. You should see how they go through all the 'Body Rhythms.' "

I ask about bar bells. They imply strength. I like them. "Why should a woman work with bar bells? If you do arm exercises with bar bells, you build tension and muscle."

Anything, anything for a faster shape-up! Machines? (A gentle sneer.) "Machines don't reshape anything. You can acquire good muscle tone only through your own activity. A machine is an insult to the human body."

When must one start? When is too late? When does one start to collapse physically? All questions of concern to me since my own collapse seems imminent. "One should not collapse—ever. I'm past 60 and I can outwork any of my young teachers." She flaunts a firm thigh and upper arm—two areas that take an early turn, as it were, to pudding.

I sum up the problem of keeping fit wearily, pessimistically. "You can't stop for a minute." Oh, the terrible constancy of it. "No," she says practically, "not even for a minute. The body doesn't take care of itself. Hair. Eyes. Teeth. Skin. You have to take care of *everything*."

We walk to an exercise room and watch a group of three women go through a typical routine. One of the rhythmic exercises is designed to stretch the spine, flatten and firm the abdomen, strengthen the lower back and improve posture. *All at once*! (There is coherency to The Method—not aimless activity.) It's done on a slant board, which, she told me, a'so provides the best facial in the world by bringing the blood to the face, eyes, ears, throat, hair and scalp. Lie flat—and atilt—on the board, the small of your back touching the board. Next, breathing in deeply, flex your feet and stretch them slowly upward toward a vertical position. The flex is what tightens the muscles. Breathe out and slowly lower the legs to the starting position. Relax. Repeat five times.

Back to her office for a discussion of exercise schools of thought. She is against speed, jerking, huffing, puffing, headstanding. "When you stand on your head, all the blood accumulates there, and that's dangerous. The blood has to come back to a complete cycle, and it's like climbing a hill. A s'ight slant gives the blood a little more speed; also, the mild inclination makes all the organs that tend to move out of position settle in their proper places. When you exercise on a slant board, it strengthens the organs in the right position."

Why does the Manya Kahn system give you more energy? "You don't waste it with my 'Body Rhythms,' " she explains. "When a woman is tired and sluggish and has a workout with fast and jerky exercises, she only wastes badly needed energy. We coordinate breathing with each body movement as you stretch slowly and relax completely at the end of each movement. Alternating tension with relaxation is what revitalizes you and shapes your body to graceful proportions."

I confess I always thought one must suffer to achieve—anything. "That's ignorance. I don't approve of fad diets or the promiscuous use of vitamin pills that promise to replace the nutrients of real food." Yoga is acceptable but, she says, "Meditation doesn't firm the abdominal muscles." Neither does it shape the body. And, if you sit passively in a steam bath or sauna, not only does that raise your blood pressure, but it dehydrates you, takes the life out of your muscles." (*Continued*)



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The outlook is dismal. After all, some degeneration is inevitable. No matter. Aim for the end. "You can hold back old age at least 20 years if you take care of yourself. If at 80 you look like 60, then you're all right!"

For want of either time, money or geographical access, you can do it yourself: Manya Kahn has a long-playing 12-inch record, "Reduce, Relax, Rejuvenate" ($5), plus a Home Study Course, "Lovely to Look At" ($10). It contains 14 large charts that illustrate the various 'Body Rhythms' plus diets for overweight, underweight and normal weight. A 64-page "Health and Beauty Manual" is included. Both can be obtained by writing to Manya Kahn, 12 E. 68th St., N.Y.C. 10021.—SUE NIRENBERG

gardens

By law or by conscience, burning leaves is out. And, unless you live in the middle of a forest where accumulating leaves don't matter, this approaching season called fall means a lot of leaves to pick up. The Toro Co., in Minneapolis, has three new machines designed to corral falling leaves and put them to good use. The Toro shredder cuts lawn debris volume up to 90%, shredding leaves and grass clippings to a fine mulch for composting. The optional bagger attachment holds five bushels of chopped debris. The Toro vacuum cleans lawns to carpet smoothness with a 30-inch-wide suction path, picking up everything from small rocks, bottle caps and broken glass to twigs, branches and leaves. The Toro blower with optional leaf-bagger attachment, cleans out shrubbery, blows leaves into rows, sweeps driveways clean; with the optional leaf bagger, it also picks up leaves and lawn debris. The three units are available now at all local Toro dealers.

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The Holly and Ivy among my house plants are not species of *Ilex* and *Hedera*, but two pussycats who fancy themselves jungle tigers stalking the palms, climbing the dracaenas and nibbling succulent gloxinia leaves. Short of getting rid of the cats, I don't think there is a sure way to stop them from eating an occasional leaf or clawing the bark of a potted tree, but I have found ways to divert their attention. About once a month I plant a six-inch pot with annual ryegrass seeds; these sprout quickly and provide juicy greenery that seems to taste better to the cats than the house plants. A small corrugated carton concealed among the larger plants has become preferable to tree bark as a claw sharpener. Dining on the gloxinias stopped abruptly when I misted the leaves with an atomizer filled with a solution of red pepper and water.

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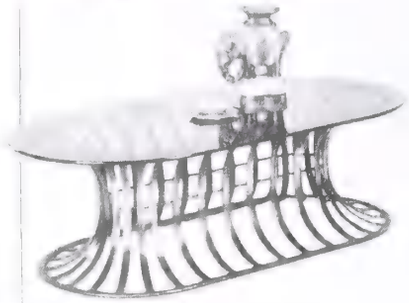
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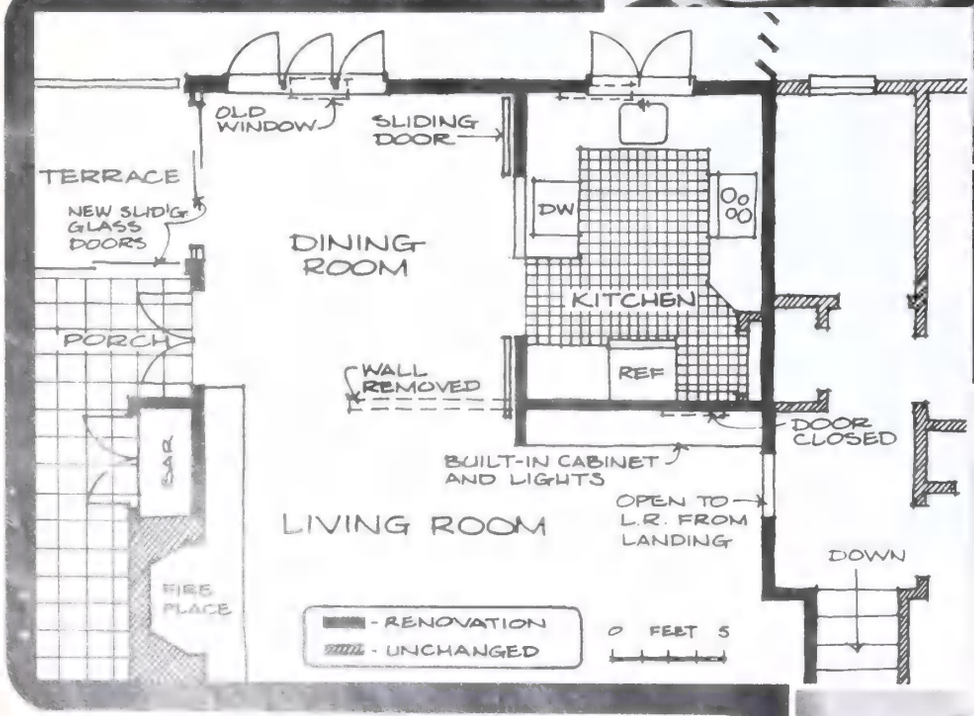
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Now you see it, now you don't: a close-off kitchen vastly improves a poor plan

By JOHN H. INGERSOLL ☐ A getaway place in the country is a wonderful idea for city dwellers. Any place will do, just to escape from the crowds and cacophony of the city. Right? Not right for long. Living in a make-do house for a summer soon turns up the frustrations of aging warped doors, hole-pocked screens or a badly-planned kitchen. So it was for Tony and Magda Jones and their young son, Adrian. They bought a plain-Jane split-level on a lovely tree-rich piece of land in Redding Ridge, Conn. For a time, they were content with just being away from New York City. But a poorly laid-out kitchen that opened unceremoniously to an L-shaped living/dining area finally got under their skin. With the aid of New York Architect Russell Childs, they made the changes that brought about this spirited, colorful kitchen and openness of the living space. The remodeling was (Continued)

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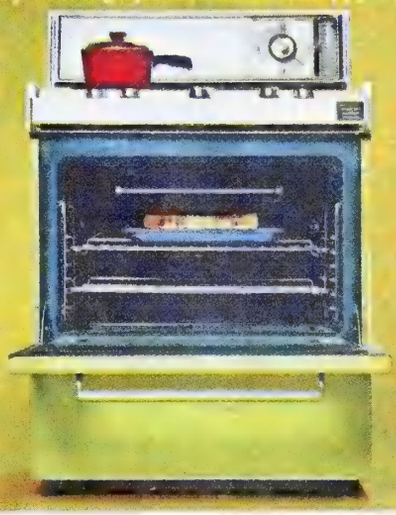
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achieved without massive, expensive changes in the structure. The location of the kitchen is unchanged. All the piping and electrical conduits are precisely where the plumbers and electricians put them originally. In fact, the only dramatic alteration was banishing the ceiling in the kitchen, living and dining spaces. Exposed rafters beneath the roof were then covered with plasterboard. And the kitchen was completely closed in with partitions that rose to and followed the new line of the ceiling.

Sliding panels over the kitchen opening proved the master touch. Not only are they functional, but they're also attractive enough to become a major focal point. The swirling design of white, silver and velvet ochre on the panels is the work of New York Artist David Wilson, who also produced the striking leaded glass doors, just barely in view at the far left of the photograph below. Those doors, incidentally, lead to a screened-in porch with a bar built into the house wall (partly described in the floor plan, page 36). With the sliding panels open, as they are below, a portion of the countertop becomes a pass-through from the dining area. When that counter is stacked with dishes, one panel will hide the mess, still leaving space to walk in or out of the kitchen. The basic color scheme in the



kitchen is red, white and blue. White walls, white vinyl tile on the floor and a partially white counter blend with deep blue counters on the outside wall, blue trim and fire engine-red housewares and a bright red sink. Most of the pots, pans, skillets, drainers and kettles are stacked on reachable open shelving or hung neatly on pegboard hooks behind the range or alongside the refrigerator.

In the dining area, a big commercial light fixture with a spherical green metal shade hangs above the tables. Yes, tables. Magda Jones bought four small square "butcher block" wood tables, then pushed them together to make a single large table. Or she can line them up along the wall for buffet. Or separate them for a bridge tournament. Or use only one for an intimate family dinner.

And by adding about 16 inches to the living room side of the kitchen wall, Architect Childs gave the Joneses space for floor-to-ceiling shelves and cabinets. Beneath the bottom shelf, there is a row of glass-enclosed bare bulbs, the large ball-shaped lights that are both decorative and functional. These are on dimmers.

Walls and ceilings in the living spaces are white, forming an ideal background for art and graphics. Floors remain as they were, polished oak strip, on which Mrs. Jones has laid colorful hand-crafted Mexican rugs. More daylight fills the living and dining spaces now. New windows and a sliding glass door replace a bare wall at the back of the house and a small ineffectual window in the dining area. In addition, a larger window was installed in the kitchen.

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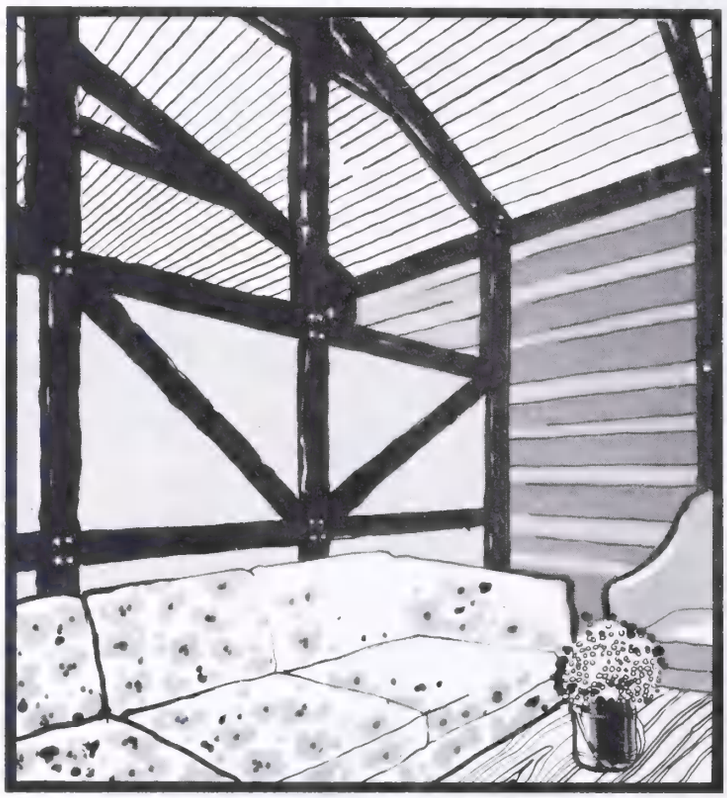
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Our first job in the interior was to build a dividing wall between the dining room and den. My husband was born and brought up in England and his familiarity with Old English half-timbering and beamed ceilings led us to decide on a stable-type wall and raftered ceiling.

The stable wall (panels are blocked in only up to six feet) allows a clear view through to the beams in the next room and is also practical for ventilation.

This wall took us 21 days to complete, working six to 10 hours a day on Wednesdays and weekends. Each piece of timber was cut slightly irregularly, distressed, sanded and shellacked and then wallboards cut to fit those panels to be filled in. Each vertical beam was built up at the sides to appear five inches thick. Only the crossbeam in the dining room was made of molded plaster because it is directly over a heating unit.

In the true spirit of the Old English craftsmen, my husband spent his evenings carving pegs from scraps of wood. These were later inserted into the wall timbers to give the impression of supporting the sections.

On the den side *(sketched above)*, we paneled two walls with horizontal strips of wood. And every four feet of paneling has a four-by-four pegged beam connecting to overhead rafters.

In one corner of the den we installed a freestanding red fireplace. It stands in a bed of pebbles closed in by a low brick border, topped with pillows for fireside seating.

Painting the walls and beams took about three weeks. The white panels in between the wall timbers were easy, but "cutting in" with a brush on the sides of the beams with black machinery paint (for a tarred look) was painstaking work. Finally, for emphasis, we painted the free ends of the 186 hand-carved pegs in white. Our small utility room was then paneled and carpeted with leftover scraps. One week before Christmas, we were ready for the debut. What better gift than our sense of accomplishment and pride in our new rooms? ■

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In fact, if you haven't paid much attention to front entry doors, you'll be pleasantly surprised at the choices now open to you. A visit to a well-stocked building supply outlet should disclose an array of doors large enough to please the most demanding tastes. That array will be manufactured essentially of Ponderosa pine, a fine clear strong wood ordinarily used to make exterior and interior doors. But mixed in here and there will be doors of fir, spruce, oak and even cherry and mahogany. And you'll have a chance to see the latest in entry doors: "skins" of aluminum, steel or fiber glass over a core of plastic foam wedged between stiles and rails of wood. These multiple-material doors are designed to be warpless, tough and insulating. Prices range as widely as designs—from a modest $50 to a lavish $500. The less expensive doors are machine-made, while most doors in the $150 to $500 category feature hand-carved panels or are completely handmade. Installation might cost as little as $20 (a straightforward replacement) or as much as $400 (larger opening, new framing, new hinge placement and threshold, side lights installed, etc.). If the new door is the same size as the old and if hinge positions are unchanged, it's fairly simple to remove the hinge pins, pull out the old door, put in the new and replace the pins. Installation costs: zero.

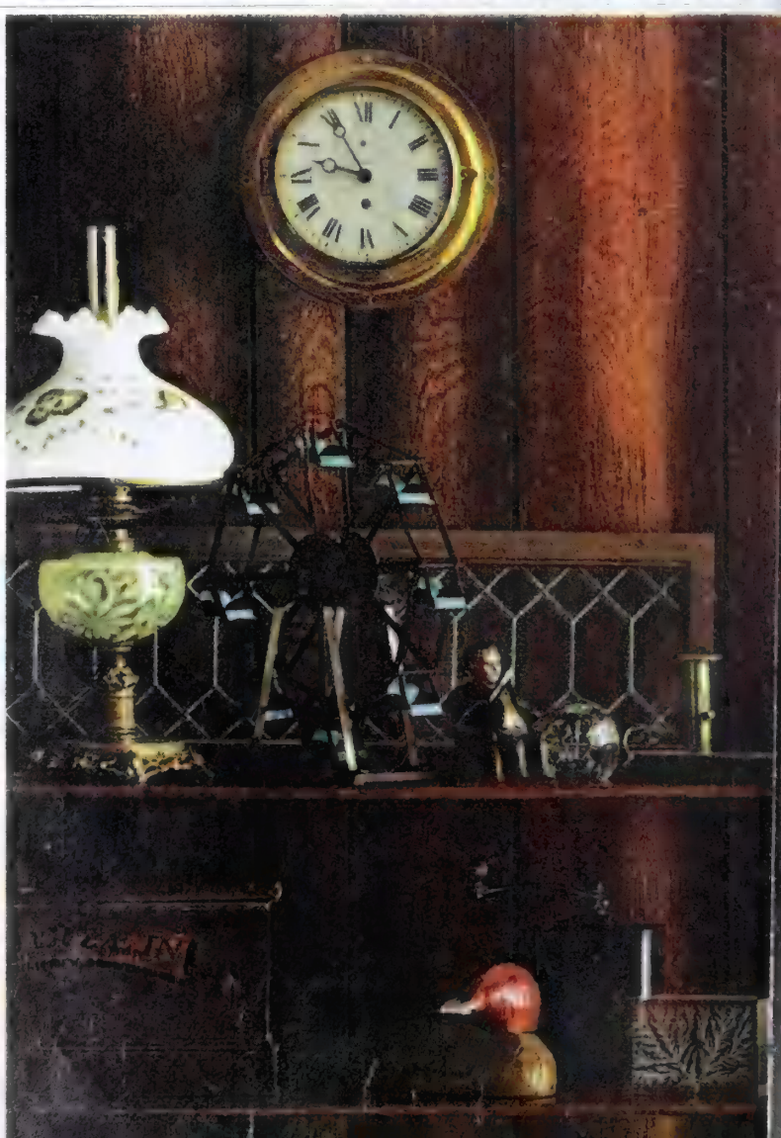


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a characteristically California house (left), thin-slat ered doors turn a so-so entry into a strong contribu- toward the total design. Responsible for the imag- ve continuation of louvers above the doors, and of se the doors themselves, is Architect Gin D. Wong /illiam L. Pereira Associates, Los Angeles. In the itropical climate of southern California, this style is nuch at home as the barrel-tile clay roof. The ely set louvers are backed by solid panels that pre- intrusion of sound, air, dust and rain—all im- ant since the house is completely air-conditioned.





Dramatic proof of what a new door can add to the look of a house is demonstrated in the pair of photographs at left (before) and above (after). More than that, the door is specifically designed for remodeling. It is produced with and is already hanging in its own metal frame on arrival. This means it can fit with relative ease and speed into nearly any opening. The door is manufactured by the Pease Co. and called Ever/Strait Remodeling Door. Cost is between $100 and $115—the high figure includes double glaze.



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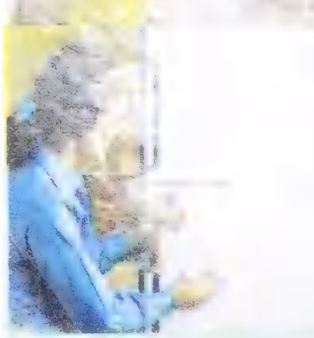
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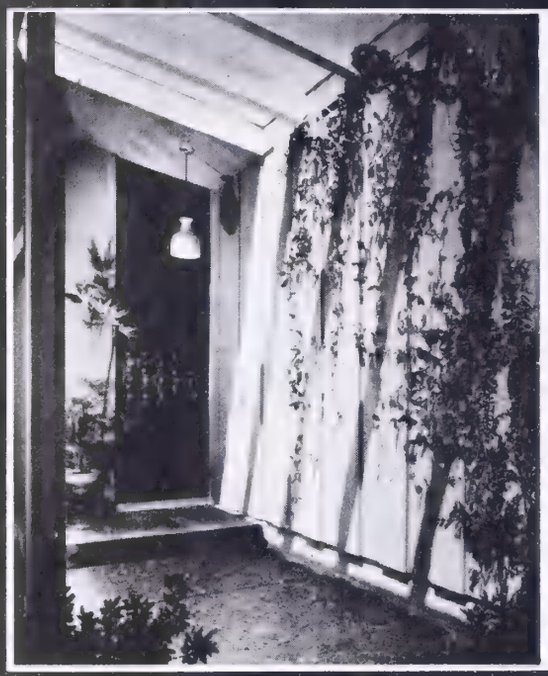


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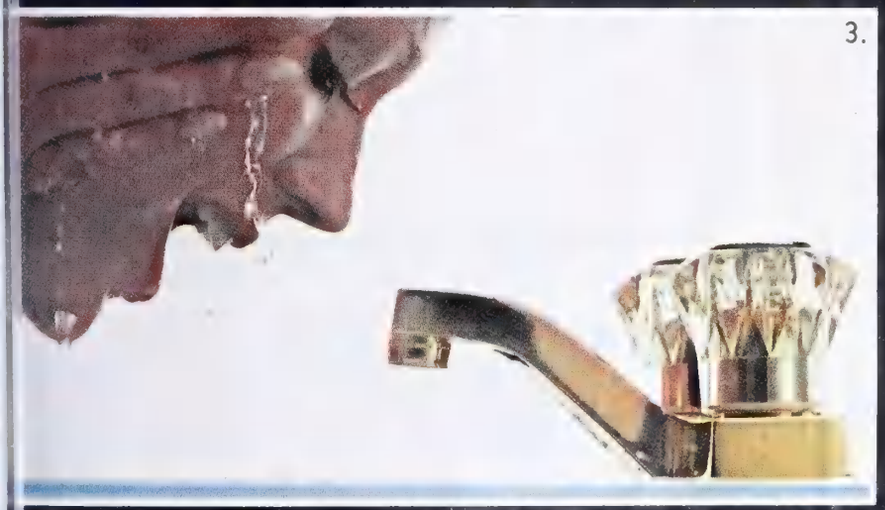


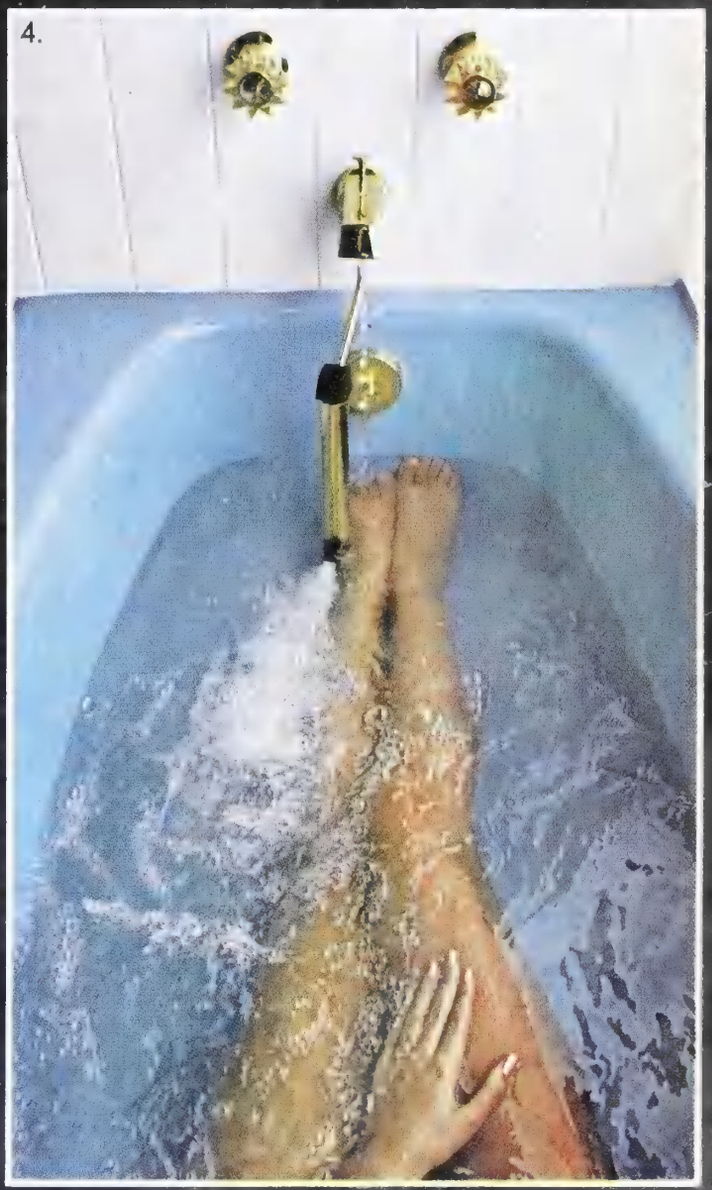
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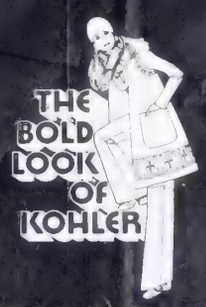




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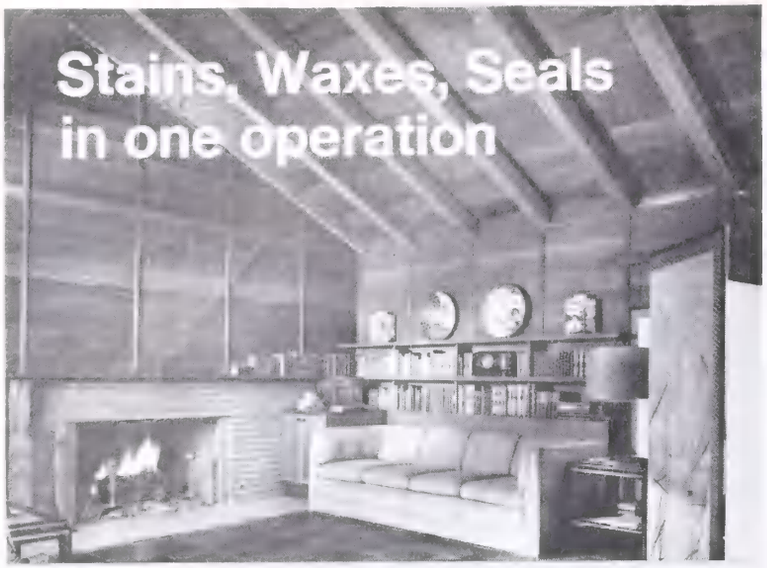
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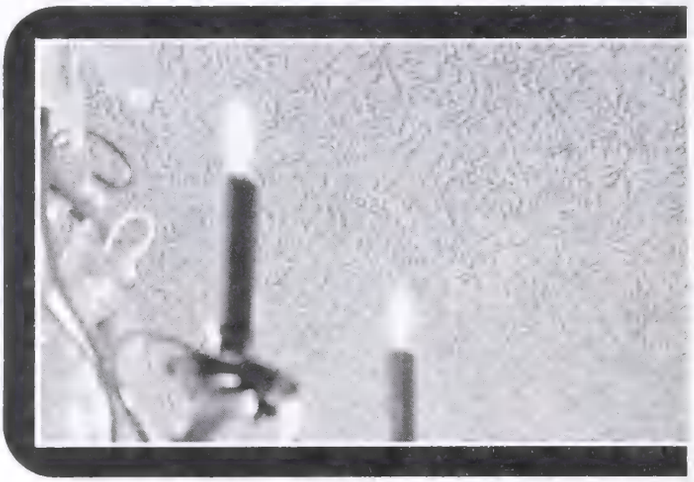
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—new products for your remodeling

Alterations for your home are simplified, at least by a few degrees, when the new products and materials you select adapt quickly to the special—and sometimes difficult—requirements of remodeling. Below is an assortment that suits these demands well. Some may even inspire you to alter where before you had no plans to alter. A new addition planned? All the items included here are designed for new work or remodeling. **Converting a closet to cedar** has become easier, for example. Clopay Corp. has developed a self-adhesive vinyl wall material that releases the odor of cedar when it's rubbed. A roll 25 feet long and 18 inches wide is about $10. Looks like cedar, too. **Or add make-up lights** around the dressing table or bath mirror. Decorative round bulbs fit into chrome or satin gold-toned mountings: a five-light mount around $21, and the three-light version under $17. Easily installed, the new offerings are by Progress Lighting. **Patterned ceilings are in;** drab ceilings are out. Below is ceiling tile attractive enough to add zest to more formal areas



of your home—living room, dining room or master bedroom. Once installed, the tile loses its tilish look, becomes a single patterned ceiling. This is "Provinciale," one of three new patterns by Armstrong. Cost is around 47 cents per 12 by 12-inch tile. **Microwave ovens** have long since been proven (and proven safe). If you're redoing your kitchen, isn't it about time you gave yourself a cooking break? Thermador has some handsome new black glass-faced ovens, all of which have browning elements. Double oven is less than $1,000, single units under $500. All ovens dramatically cut cooking time. **Electronic air cleaners** are another space age improvement you probably know about but may not have tried. Honeywell has two new cleaners that fit directly into your air-moving comfort system. One model is cleaned manually; the other cleans itself automatically, washing away the collected pollen, dust, lint and airborne dirt. Unpolluted air in the house—not a bad idea, is it? **A lavatory just for men?** "And why not?" asks Kohler, which recently introduced Man's Lav (*see below*). It's 28 by 19 inches *(Continued)*

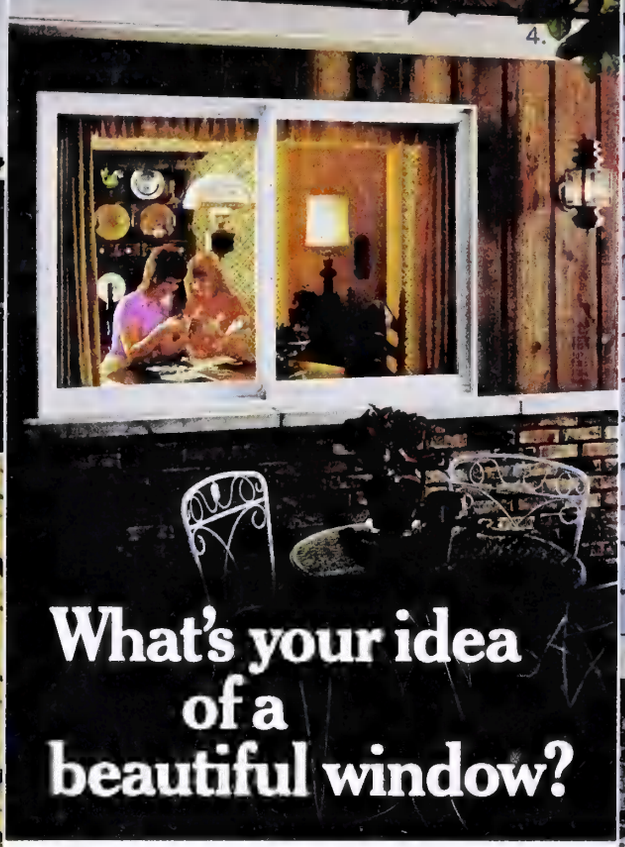


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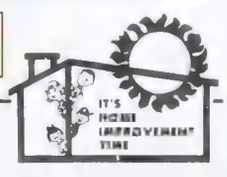
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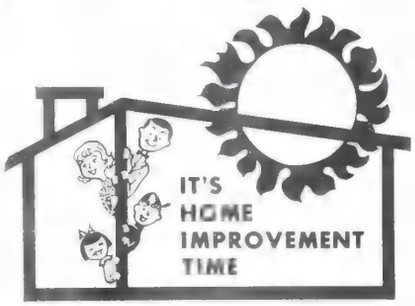








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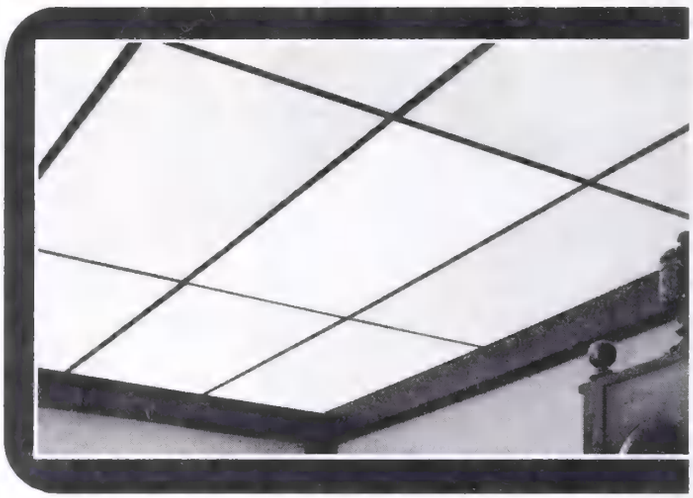
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has a man-sized spray shampoo head, a soap or lotion dispenser and is made in the firm's 12 colors. Can men's lib be on the way



soon? **Beautify your bath** with a single change: the faucet set. Above, a swan-like spout and long-wearing fluted acrylic handles, all for an uninstalled price of around $30. And there's hidden value in this Delex faucet by Delta: washerless, trouble-free operation. **Remodeling a bath** reminds us that Owens-Corning's "Bath Systems 4," mentioned in the July Insight columns, is now available everywhere. This four-piece Fiberglas shower/tub unit is fine for new work and well suited for remodeling. Its parts fit through existing bath doors; one-piece shower/tubs do not. **If you need a closing** between rooms, Pella's new Designer Folding Door will do it handsomely. Each true wood leaf in the door has five raised panels. Door heights to 12 feet-1 inch and any width, available in walnut, oak, pine and Philippine mahogany, finished or unfinished. **A different ceiling** (*below*) is what you gain by remodeling with U.S. Gypsum's new ceiling system. White, cleanable ceiling panels can alternate with luminous panels (note

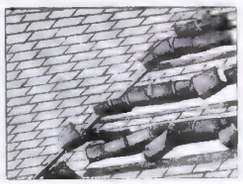


center panel) in a grid two by four feet or two by two. **Altering the look of a fireplace** isn't as impossible as it may sound. A smart screen and the right accessories can transform a blank dark hole into a focal point. Ideas for doing just that are collected in "The Art of Screening Your Fireplace", a free booklet obtainable from Portland-Willamette, 6898 N.E. 59th Place, Dept. 25, Portland, Ore. 97218. **Interior and exterior paints** are easily the most popular means for altering the appearance of a house. Two advances in Cotter's Tru-Test paints: (1) Deep-toned accent colors are now offered in latex interior paints; about $9 a gallon, and (2) Tru-Test now has a solid-color exterior stain, fine for rough- or smooth-surfaced wood; about $6.50 a gallon. **Let there be more daylight!** Larger window openings are one answer, such as Andersen's new Perma-Shield gliding window. Sizes from three by three to five by six and, with a fixed center glass panel, up to eight feet in width. As do all the Perma-Shield windows, the glider arrives with insulating glass and locking hardware. Fitted aluminum screens are optional. (*Continued*)

Before you spend a couple of thousand for a new roof, spend a couple of minutes to learn about roofing.

Protecting your home from wind and water damage

A leaky roof means rotting attic timber, stained ceilings and walls – and in a bad storm – costly water seepage that can ruin furniture and furnishings.



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The Bird Wind Seal® line of asphalt shingles helps protect you from high winds. Each shingle is made with thermoplastic dots (about 19,000 on an average roof). The sun's heat melts these adhesive dots, welding the shingles together in a grip that fights against letting go – even in hurricane-force winds. To get Underwriter's Laboratories approval for wind resistance, shingles must be tested in 60 mph winds. We tested Bird Wind Seals in *120 mph winds.* In this test not a shingle ripped off, while those without the Wind Seal feature tore loose, allowing water to come in.)



Protecting your roof from fire

Wood shingles, or shakes, are attractive, but can be dangerous. Flying embers – even sparks from a fireplace chimney – can ignite them. That's why they're outlawed in some areas. The Bird Firescreen® shingle rates Class "A" in resisting fire – the UL's highest rating. If you still like the look of wood shakes, look into our Bird Architect® 70 shingle. It simulates the beauty of random wood shakes, combined with the fire protection of finest quality asphalt.



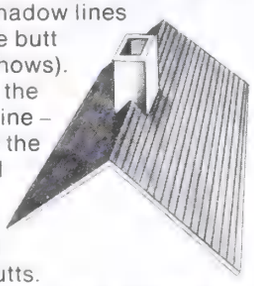
Cost of labor vs. cost of shingle

If you check out slate shingles, you'll find the cost in materials and labor prohibitive. Wood shingles, too, are costly to buy and apply. That's why today's sophisticated asphalt shingles are such a good buy. Whether you buy the low end of the line or the highest quality, you get excellent value and minimum, if any, upkeep.

Remember this – the costs are comparable for labor to apply the best asphalt shingle or the least expensive. Since the labor cost will be very much the same, you should think about paying a little extra for a top quality shingle with all its extra protection and beauty. What's more, the best shingles offer a 25-year materials guarantee, the less expensive ones 15 years.

Choosing the right shingle for your home

The architecture of your home and its surroundings dictate the style of shingle to buy. A roof should present a long, clean line. It should show deep shadow lines at the butt edges (the butt being the part that shows). The thicker the butt, the deeper the shadow line – the more impressive the look of your roof and your home. All Bird shingles with the important Wind Seal feature have thick butts.



Don't overlook color. A dark roof makes a tall house look shorter, a light roof adds height to a one-story house. A medium color blends nicely into wooded backgrounds. Greens are restful, white cooling and a bright roof adds its own "surroundings" in an area bare of trees.

Another aesthetic feature is *random-embossing.* Instead of conventional cutouts, many Bird shingles have vertical indentations. They add to your roof's long, clean line – no more broken-up, cluttered look that old-fashioned cutouts give.

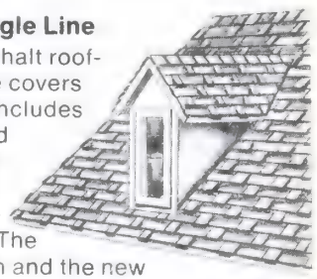
The Bird Wind Seal JET® looks great on ranch-style and long contemporary roofs. And the Bird Architect 70, with its wood shake look, is ideal for gambrel, mansard and barn-type roofs. And stunning on colonial homes.

How shingles are sold

Shingles are sold by the square – a square being enough shingles to cover 100 square feet. You can buy them and arrange for application at a lumber dealer's, a home improvement company or a contract roofer.

Shingle weight determines its cost. The lower the weight, the lower the price. But the heavier the shingle, the better your roof. Since labor is a large cost factor, do not discount the heavyweights. The price spread between the Bird Wind Seal at 235 lbs. per sq. and the Bird Architect 70 at 345 lbs. per sq. isn't so great that it should discourage you from considering the finest protection and beauty for your home.

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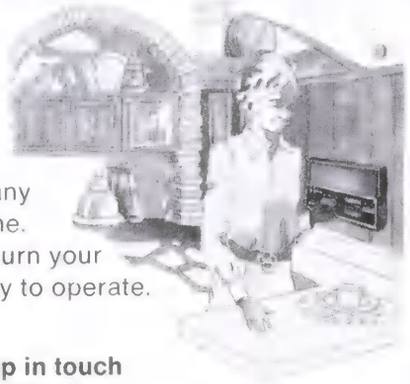
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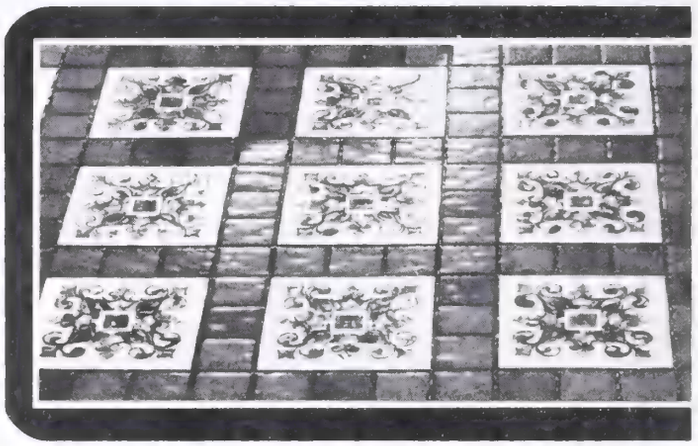
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combination of bright and soft colors, embossed to provide more authenticity to the tile-like design. **Temperatures are headed down** soon, and before long the heater will flip on. Will you be uncomfortable through another dry winter? Or are you ready now to relax in the indoor comfort of properly humidified air? Find out more about the subject in "Facts About Humidification," free from Research Products Corp., Madison, Wis. 53701. The company is a leading maker of humidifiers that adapt to any home heating system. **Need to add a storage drawer** in the kitchen, potting shed, hall closet or around the workbench? You can do so inexpensively. A high-impact polystyrene drawer delivered with installation hardware is offered now by Ajax Hardware. Called Ajax Utility Drawer, it is five inches deep, 13 inches wide and 18 inches long. The cost is around $7. **Vinyl siding** has for some time taken its place alongside more traditional materials used to reclad a house. Find out more about it in a free booklet, "How to Avoid the $8,000 Mistake," offered by one of the leading producers, Certain-Teed Products Corp., Valley Forge, Pa. 19481. **Brushed chrome brass fittings** by Eljer ought to brighten any drab bath. "Decora" is the name for the set below with elegant floral appliques. Handles are metal, as here, or acrylic. (*Continued*)



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With rising fuel costs, and the urgent need to conserve energy, here's how to find out if your home is wasting fuel.



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In fact, if your home is more than 15 years old, it probably doesn't have adequate insulation and it may be wasting more than 45% of its fuel. Or costing almost twice as much as it should to keep your family comfortable.

If you're building a new home, you can nip this problem in the bud, by telling your builder to use Fiberglas*6″& 3″ insulation. That's 6″ of Fiberglas in ceilings and 3″ in walls. It helps stop fuel waste, and can cut heating/cooling costs as much as 30%.

In an existing home, it's easy to find out if you're wasting fuel, either because of poor insulation, or other reasons:

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Place one thermometer against an outside wall and another thermometer in the center of the room. Leave them for 4 hours, then take readings. The thermometer on the outside wall should not be more than 5 degrees lower than the one in the middle of the room. If it is more than 5 degrees lower, it's another sign your home needs more insulation.

A candle can lead to additional savings.

You may be losing heat from openings in your home. Light a candle and hold it near the edges of windows and doors. If it flickers, you probably need caulking, weatherstripping, or storm windows and doors. They can cut your fuel costs by as much as 10%.

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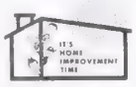
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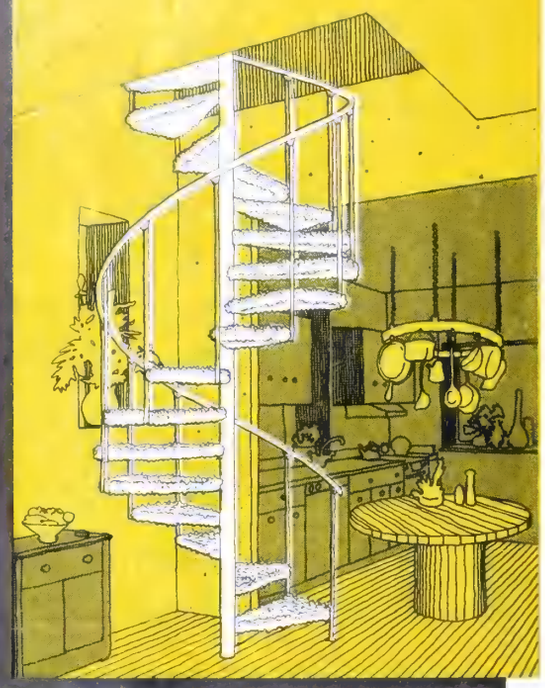




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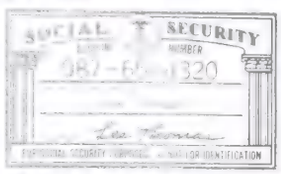
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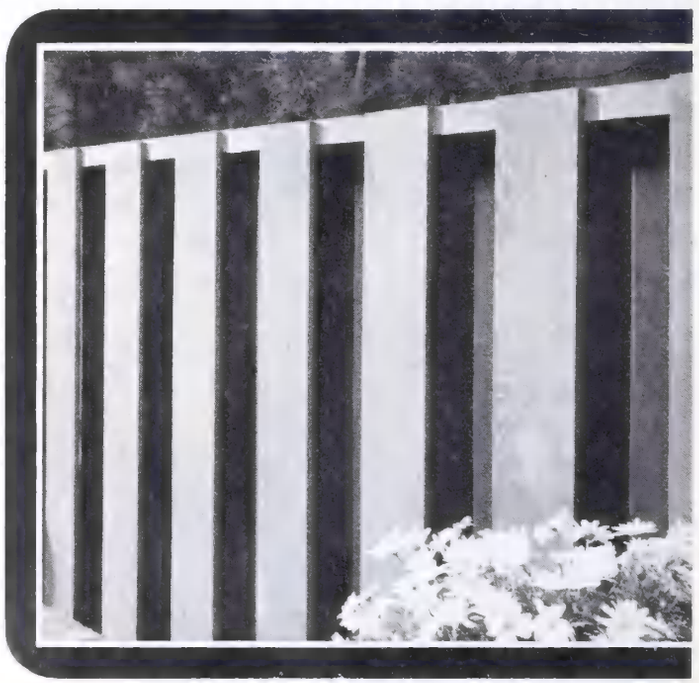
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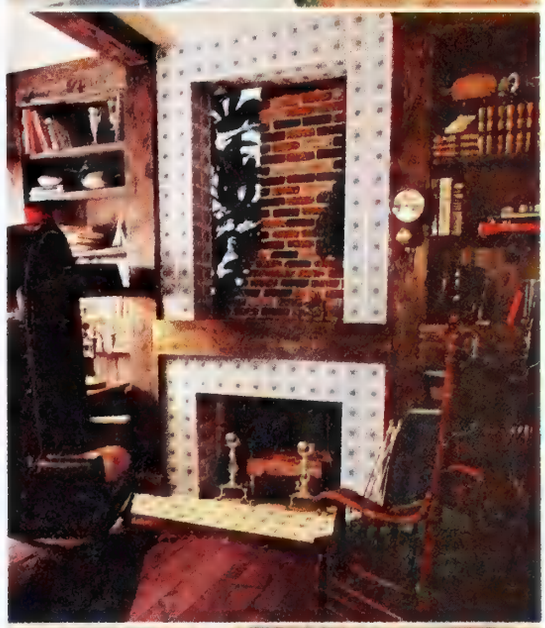
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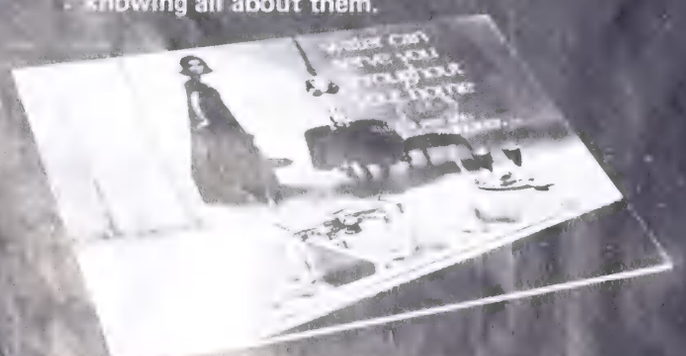
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A dry basement
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By JOHN INGERSOLL □ "No, we wouldn't even give you an estimate for waterproofing your basement," says a veteran New Jersey remodeler. "Too many problems trying to find the leak and more headaches fixing it. We like to stand behind the work we do, and I could see us losing our shirt if we guaranteed a basement job and it started leaking again."

The man talking is highly respected for the work he does do: room additions, re-roofing, re-siding, kitchen renovations. His apprehensions over repairing leaky basements are shared by many general contractors, builders, masons and remodelers across the nation.

If that's the attitude on the professional side, what do you do when your basement floor is submerged beneath four inches of water? Of all servicemen, a reputable plumber probably is the best person to call first. At the very least, he can remove the water from your basement in a hurry. If he doesn't have the experience to locate and repair the leakage, he'll probably know who can.

That isn't to say you have to write off all but plumbers as incapable of solving a wet basement problem. We found remodelers and some general contractors and builders who took on residential waterproofing work. In talking to homeowners, we discovered that many prefer to contact a known company—a firm that has already repaired their house in some way and competently. Not a bad idea. Again, if the contractor doesn't fix leaky basements, he'll probably know someone reliable who does.

Reliability is the key word. Basement waterproofing is a science sometimes as mysterious as locating the headwaters of the Amazon. If you know little about it yourself, you're ripe for the pitch artist, the super salesman who promises a Sahara-dry basement but leaves you with the Mediterranean after another heavy rain. If you gather by this that the business is flecked with a few *un*reliable contractors, you're right.

How can you avoid being stuck? First, by dealing only with known, reputable contractors, firms you know personally or your friends recommend. In a town new to you, ask neighbors; check contractor references; be thorough. Second, learn more about the problem. In fact, you may be able to plug a leak on your own and never have to spend a cent.

One out of three basement leaks is traced directly to improper drainage around the foundation. Rain should always drain away from the foundation, away from the house. Loose soil along the foundation wall will make a pocket after successive rains. Collected water in the pocket filters into the soil, slowly seeping down the foundation wall and settling on the footing. Given the most minute crack, water will find it. Before too long, a puddle grows inside on the basement floor. Or the water may slowly seep through the foundation wall, making a large wet blob on the inside.

The answer is simple. Mound and tamp the soil so that rain will drain away from the house. All that requires is an inspection tour around the house, and if you find a weak point, add soil and tamp it.

How can you single out a weak point? A depression in the soil against the foundation wall is easy to spot. A potential depression—an area where the soil is soft—will give underfoot. Tools for a more sophisticated check include a tape rule, stake, string and level. Using these devices, check the grade around your home. Proper slope away from the foundation wall ought to be about ½ inch to the foot for eight to 10 feet out from the foundation wall. That means a point 10 feet from the wall should be approximately five inches lower than the soil level at the wall. That's minimum. Any slope greater than ½ inch to the foot is safer.

Some further preventative measures you can check:

- We've been saying "soil" above, but better than soil is a healthy carpet of grass planted right up to the foundation wall. Shrubbery? Trees? Of course. Bushy plants and trees look well against the house, and it's easy enough to position plants so that grass (or ground cover) circles the stem or trunk. And flower beds? No question that they enhance the appearance of a house. But a cultivated garden contains loose soil. A hard rain will drain more easily through the soil and may make water pockets. There you are back to the original problem again. To avoid a wet basement and have your garden, separate the garden from the foundation wall by a sloped strip (Continued)

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A house without gutters functions well enough in rain if (a) the roof overhangs are deep, and (b) water falls from the eave into a gravel-filled drip strip that should be eight to 10 inches wide, about a foot deep and contain a porous drainpipe through which runoff flows to a storm sewer or drywall.

• More than a few homes have no provision for diverting the water that gushes from the downspout during a hard rain. That's an invitation to a wet basement. The result is not unlike dumping the water from five or six bathtubs onto one small patch of soil next to the foundation. A splashblock of stone, concrete or plastic beneath the spout will direct rainwater several feet away from the house. Better is a connection between the spout and piping that carries the water underground to either a storm sewer or a drywell.

• A basement window might be the source of a leak. Not so much through the frame—calking can stop that—but through cracks under the sill because of water backing up in an improperly draining window well. At the base of the well, there ought to be a thick layer of gravel (at least a foot deep) plus a drainpipe buried at the bottom of the gravel pit to carry water away from the house. The piping should route the water to a storm sewer or dry well. Another solution: a commercial drain—with a screened leaf guard over the opening so wet leaves don't clog it.

If you find that one of the flaws mentioned above is the leak-producing culprit, make the necessary repairs. Then wait through a week or two of relatively dry weather. By then, much of the water in the basement walls will have evaporated. Next, buy a waterproofing compound your hardware store recommends and apply it to the inside of the basement walls. Your troubles ought to be over.

In many cases, leaks through basement walls and floor may not be the problem at all. Another one-third of wet basements are the result of nothing more than condensation. Telltale signs are a musty, mildewlike odor, a clammy cool feeling on your skin as you enter the basement, droplets on the water piping and moisture clinging to the masonry walls. The same thing happens to the bathroom mirror when you take a steamy shower. Warm, moisture-laden air contacting a cooler surface sheds droplets of water on that surface. Sometimes enough moisture precipitates out to form puddles on the basement floor. Collected water on the floor usually means a leak. But you can detect it as condensation when all the clues mentioned above are present. Or you can take a modest scientific approach: Tack a small shiny square of sheet metal on a damp portion of the basement wall. Inspect the metal again in about two hours. If a fine layer of moisture coats the out-facing surface, condensation is definitely the problem.

Steps toward a cure:

• Ventilate the basement when outdoor air is relatively dry. Open basement windows to provide cross ventilation. Or install an exhaust fan in one window.

• Laundry in the basement? A good reason to install mechanical ventilation nearby.

• Insulate exposed water piping. And if long runs of air conditioning ducts do not already wear a jacket of insulation, have that done.

• If these steps aren't effective, invest in a dehumidifier. Cost runs from $60 to $125.

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One further note: Condensation occurs most often in the basements of new homes. Evaporation from new concrete, mortar, paint and plaster fills the basement air with moisture for a drying-out period that can last as little as three months but in some instances is as long as 24 months. (*Continued*)

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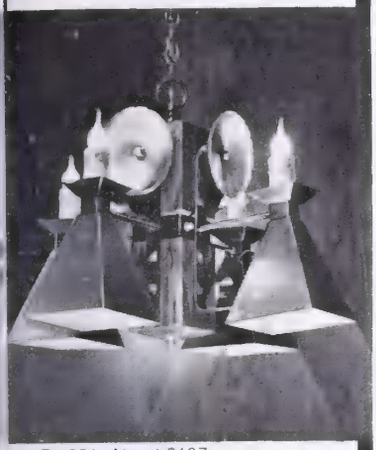
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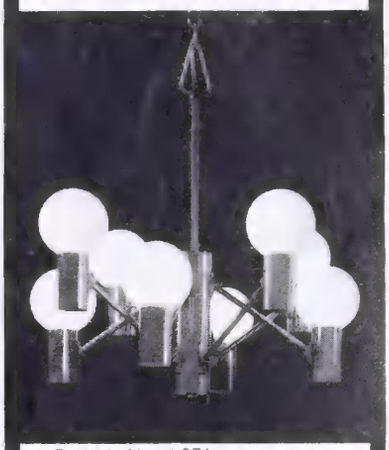
of asphaltic compound. Here's what the research group discovered: "Parging with or without asphalt or other sealants does not appear to be effective in preventing leakage. Plastic films [such as polyethylene film] do seem to be effective since they can accommodate minor wall cracks."

This discovery bears on plugging a basement leak in an existing house. One of the more drastic solutions for leakage in the past has been removal of all soil around the foundation, followed by a new, thick application of asphalt on the foundation walls. There are also companies that perform somewhat the same job without removing the soil. With ground-probing nozzles, these firms inject a sealant along the wall of the foundation.

Based on the NAHB research, neither system is necessarily a cure. And digging away soil from the foundation to recoat the walls is a costly and, researchers now believe, an unnecessary step. The injection of sealants into the soil is less costly, but this system may prove equally ineffective.

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On the subject of wet basements, for years cartoonists have pictured bursting water pipes producing a cellar lake. For the record, a broken water pipe is the rarest of faults leading to a wet basement. And the basement flooded with four feet of water from a broken pipe is not really the problem that we have been concentrating on here. That problem—and its immediate solution—should be obvious. The other faults will take tracking down and much effort to solve.

Nearly everyone who has ever lived in a house with a full or partial basement would agree that dry is better than wet—or even damp. What research and experience have shown is that dry basements are nearly always obtainable. ■

Basement

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Thus, over two-thirds of wet basements can be cured at relatively little or even no cost. But the final third are the real troublemakers. Underground springs, too-high water tables, hidden cracks in the foundation or footings, a lack of exterior waterproofing and back-up sewer lines make up most of the tough problems professional waterproofers face.

Fortunately, more is known now than a decade ago. Several years back, the National Association of Home Builders Research Foundation did a study on basement leakage. The results were most revealing.

For example, there is a commonly held belief in the building industry that poured concrete foundation walls are more waterproof than concrete block. The study indicated that leaks occur about as regularly in one as they do in the other.

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This is a job for a contractor and, because installation of a sump pump and piping is involved, you will find that plumbing contractor is probably the man best qualified to do the job, as mentioned earlier.

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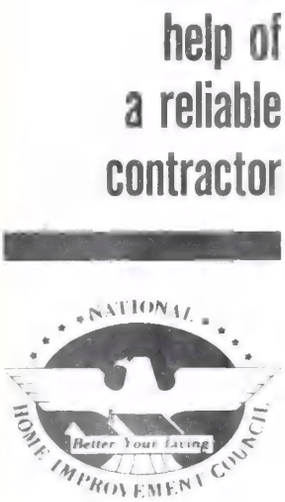
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DESIGNS AND FUNCTIONS IN REMODELING

When adding or converting rooms, first and foremost, make a list of the activities for which a room will be used. Wherever possible a room doubles its effectiveness when it can be used flexibly. For example, an adult bedroom ought to provide a quiet retreat for reading, sewing or relaxing. A dining room could certainly also serve as a second sitting room, a music room or library.

Think, too, of the mood you wish to express—should it be formal or informal, a quiet background for people, or a strong reflection of your personality? Then you are ready to draw your simple floor plan using graph paper, and patterns of your furniture cut to scale. In laying out your room arrangements, keep in mind open traffic areas, a center of interest, conversation groupings, storage space and adequate lighting.

For practical, time-and-money saving hints be sure to consult your contractor.

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS ASSURE A BETTER RESULT

A reputable home improvement contractor does not give you a sketchy proposal on the back of an envelope.

He prepares a comprehensive set of material and labor specifications; estimates costs, and offers you a detailed proposal, at a package price, covering every aspect of the job, from removal of existing materials to thorough clean-up after the repairs, changes or additions have been made. Furthermore, he guarantees workmanship, and services the warranties offered by the suppliers of the materials and products he installs.

He prepares whatever sketches or plans are necessary to define the scope of the project he is doing at your bidding. He can recommend materials that will do the job better and perform better.

All of this is to assure you of getting the result and satisfaction *you* want.

BUILDING CODES AND PERMITS

Building codes are established by most cities, towns and counties and vary considerably from one community to another. However, as a general rule, a building permit is required whenever structural work is involved or when the basic living area of a residence is to be changed. For instance, if you have a house with an unfinished area you want to partition off a segment and complete it a room, you would need a building permit in most localit This is because you have changed the basic amount living area in the house from storage to livable spa The complex details respecting required permits in y area will be taken care of by any reputable home impro ment contractor. You pay any fee required by your mu ipality and are responsible for penalties resulting from failure to file required permits; but you need have no in these matters if you employ a knowledgeable contrac He works in your locality every day and knows the ru Have all such restrictions and fees spelled out in your tract with him.

THE ROLE OF THE LENDING INSTITUTION

If you wish to pay cash for your home improvement proj by all means do so.

However, various financing plans are readily available convenient monthly payments to property owners steady incomes or established assets (for instance sizable equity in the property to be improved, or o recognized investments).

Your responsible home improvement contractor is pared to help you arrange the financing you need established lending institutions in your community.

SELECTING A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR

If the contractor who remodels your home is not quali you pay for his mistakes. To avoid the disappointment poorly done home remodeling job and to assure "ge full dollar's worth," the following basic rules to follow suggested:

1) Employ a contractor with an established plac business, preferably in your locality.
2) Be sure he has adequate financial references.
3) Get references from him of satisfied customers whom he has done remodeling work in the area, check on them personally by phone. If you ha Better Business Bureau in your city, check to s there is an adverse file on him. Otherwise, check out with your local Chamber of Commerce.
4) Observe carefully how precisely he "sizes up" proposed project, take note of his suggestions, discuss them thoroughly with him. Don't be ru He has time, and so do you. Avoid snap judgem either pro or con.
5) Be sure, as regards major projects, to have w agreement on plans and specifications.
6) Have a thorough understanding as to qualit materials and workmanship required.
7) Don't "shop" with him on prices of materials or rates. He knows *his* business, and he wants business.

TIPS ON WORKING WITH YOUR REMODELER

Think your project through. Keep in mind the main pu for embarking upon your improvement project, extra s modernization, weather conditioning, etc.

Plans—if plans are required insist that you okay ther fore work begins. See the plan, study it, and then ok

Materials—All materials should be specified in the co by brand names and quantity.

Be Certain that your contractor provides a Certificat Insurance covering Workmen's Compensation, pro damage, and personal liability.

Who cleans up?—Most contractors offer a contract guarantees the cleaning up of all debris and materials the job is finished. Your home is left "brush clean." this is an additional labor cost to the contractor, it slightly raise the cost of your job, but it is well wor

NATIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS FOR IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

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3. By requiring all salesmen to be accurate in th description of products and services.
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Here's how to enter. Register at the DEBUT '73 store near you October 1 to 31, 1972. Void in Washington, Maryland and where prohibited by law. Residents of Georgia and Missouri may enter at a participating retail store or by printing their name and address on a plain 3x5 card and mailing it to DEBUT '73 Home Fashions Sweepstakes Headquarters. Residents of Wisconsin may only enter by mailing their name and address to a local participating retailer or to Debut '73 Home Fashions Sweepstakes Headquarters, P.O. Box 1973, Blair, Nebraska 68009

See the dynamic "New Dimensions in Living" displays at leading retailers now.

Look for this symbol: participating stores will display it in October.
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Guide To Better Shopping for Busy Homemakers

It is important that shopping time be used wisely these hectic, demanding days. So time and money-saving tips are provided here by Kroehler, the company which makes more sofas and chairs for American homes than any other furniture manufacturer.

Stop . . . Look and List!

When thinking about a new sofa, take an objective look at the whole room. If the new sofa will make old chairs look shabbier, consider stretching the budget to include a total seating scene, all color coordinated. Do you have space for overnight guests? If not, maybe the new sofa should be a Sleep-Or-Lounge with a queen-sized bed hidden inside. How about a "Relaxer" reclining chair?

Snip, Measure and Tear

Don't trust your eye to remember sizes. Measure the



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haps nothing illustrates like Philadelphia's ing Fling carpet shown this page. It sells for ut \$9.95 a square yard. is thicker, deeper and tains more pile fiber per en area than even the er-luxury carpets of 10 l 15 years ago. Yet it ts substantially less. Be- es, science and new man- cturing techniques have lowed Spring Fling (and quality contemporaries) h such great wear-resis- ce and easy maintenance t the not-so-good-old- s carpet is a horse-and- gy product by compari- . Plus what carpet mills "texture retention" or ability to hold the look he original pile through ive family living and pe- lic carpet shampooing.

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our house, apartment or d" is ready for new car- . You are about to make of the greatest buys ilable in today's market- ce. For nothing else sets decorating climate for room so emphatically, ors it to your individual e and family's lifestyle well. If you did nothing , you would instantly e away the cold and bare with warm, colorful l-to-wall carpet. But of rse you will want to do h more with your home. t's what Debut '73 is all ut. It's aim is to give a fresh perspective on interior surroundings re you and your family nd so much time—and dramatize how wonder- y living can be enriched adding to the beauty functionalism of your or.

Don't forget your Private world

Everyone thinks of carpet for show-off rooms. But have you considered the bedrooms? Imagine popping out of bed on a cold morning and burying your toes in the deliciousness of Spring Fling carpet. And think of waking up on a dark and dreary morning to the warm print-dyed colors of Spring Fling. It's like turning on instant sunshine! A great way to start the day.

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See your Philadelphia carpet dealer during Debut '73 —October 1st to 14th. He will have special prices, idea-ful displays, special selections, and informed, courteous salesmen to make your new carpet purchase a Great Experience!

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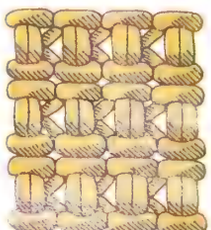
Anyone who has squeaked by a Physics course knows that the best insulation is "Still Air". Cold can't get through it. The Morgan Jones Insulaire blanket works on this simple principle. (Sir Edmund Hillary proved its efficacy when he had special thermal underwear designed for his Mt. Everest expedition.) When you cover it with a sheet—or one of the Morgan Jones special blanket covers—all those little air pockets act as insulators against the cold. Come summer, take the sheet or blanket cover off, the air is freed and acts as a ventilation system.

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The Insulaire® blanket is the original 100% cotton thermal blanket.

It is the blanket for all seasons.

It was inspired years ago by the unique cellular weave of the underwear developed for Sir Edmund Hilary's Mount Everest expedition.



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Because of its perfect year-around performance, the Insulaire blanket was an instant success.

It keeps you cool in the summer and warm in the winter.



In the summer, air circulates through the cells for full ventilation to keep you cool. In the winter, a sheet or blanket cover over the blanket will enclose the thousands of air cells and form an insulation that keeps heat in.



And this brings us to another reason why the Insulaire blanket has it over all the others. It is the only one with Insulaire-Mate blanket covers to give you the best insulation and to give your bedroom a rich together look.

The Insulaire® blanket is the only true thermal blanket in these rich, vibrant shades.



Choose from eight high intensity fashion colors edged with nylon binding in matching or contrasting shades. Wait till you see how refreshing they'll look in your bedroom.

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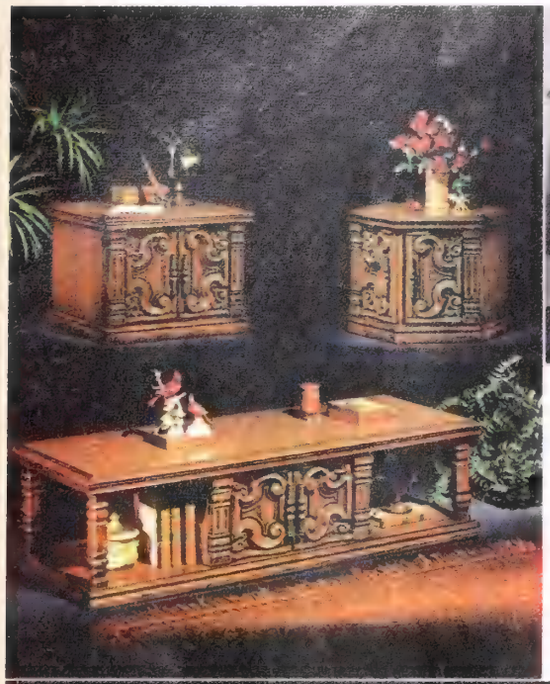
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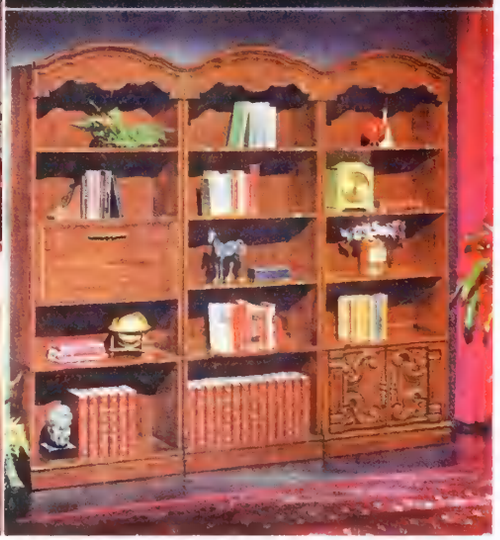
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The fact is, today's wider bedding requires a center support in addition to the outer frame. You shouldn't even consider a 60" queen-size without such support. And if you are heavier than average, you really ought to have a center support on a standard 54" double-size.

An unusual cross center support for double and queen-



Beauti-Glide, the choice of queens,

and kings, and twins, and . . .

More and more, the queens of today's households are investing in the extra sleeping comfort of queen and king-size beds.

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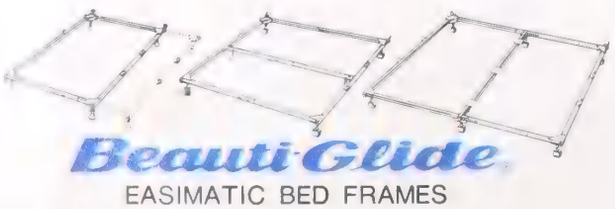
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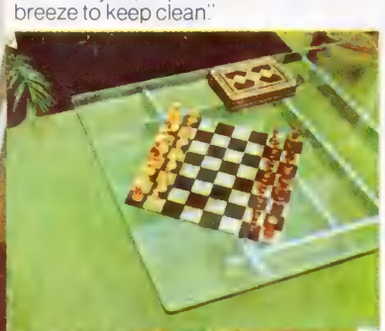
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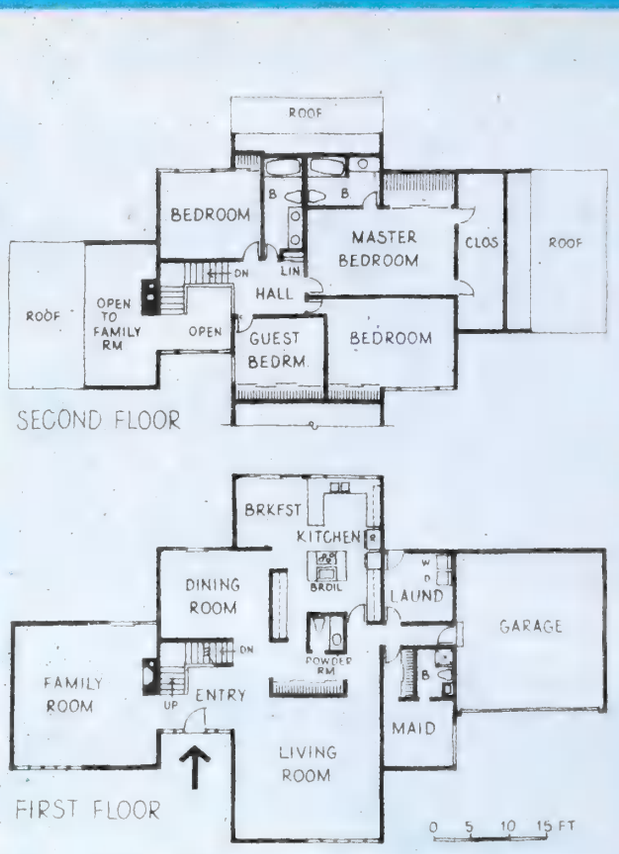
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By JOHN H. INGERSOLL ☐ "You'll never sell a house without shutters." "This isn't a contemporary market." "You have to build a traditional house." These are what well-meaning builder friends told Joseph Berman, partner with Leo Reidler in Dosoris Estates Corp. of Long Island, N.Y., builder of this handsome, beautifully balanced cedar-clad house in Glen Cove, N.Y. The home is a model, part of a small, well-sited subdivision near Long Island Sound.

Despite the advice, Berman doesn't feel as though he's swimming against the tide. "When I came to this country," he recalls, "I was surprised to find builders acting as their own architects and engineers. In Israel, where I trained and worked as a civil engineer, we called in a professional when we wanted professional advice. I've consulted with some of the best architects in the world and I respect their knowledge and experience. That's why I went directly to an architect when I wanted to begin building houses for sale. We found Alfredo De Vido of the architectural firm of MacFadyen, Carroll and De Vido, New York, and were delighted to find he could design precisely the house we had in mind—spirit and all. We have had a very good response to the house, even though the price is $90,000, including the lot." Isn't he uneasy about its being contemporary? "Contemporary?" he replied. "I don't call the house contemporary or traditional. It's just a good house. A good house is a good house, no matter what period or style. What is good? A house you feel pleasant being in, living in."

If you mentally walk through the plans at right, you'll agree the house (named the Topgallant) is indeed pleasant to live in: spacious, well-placed rooms, allowance for a smooth traffic pattern, plenty of storage space and privacy.

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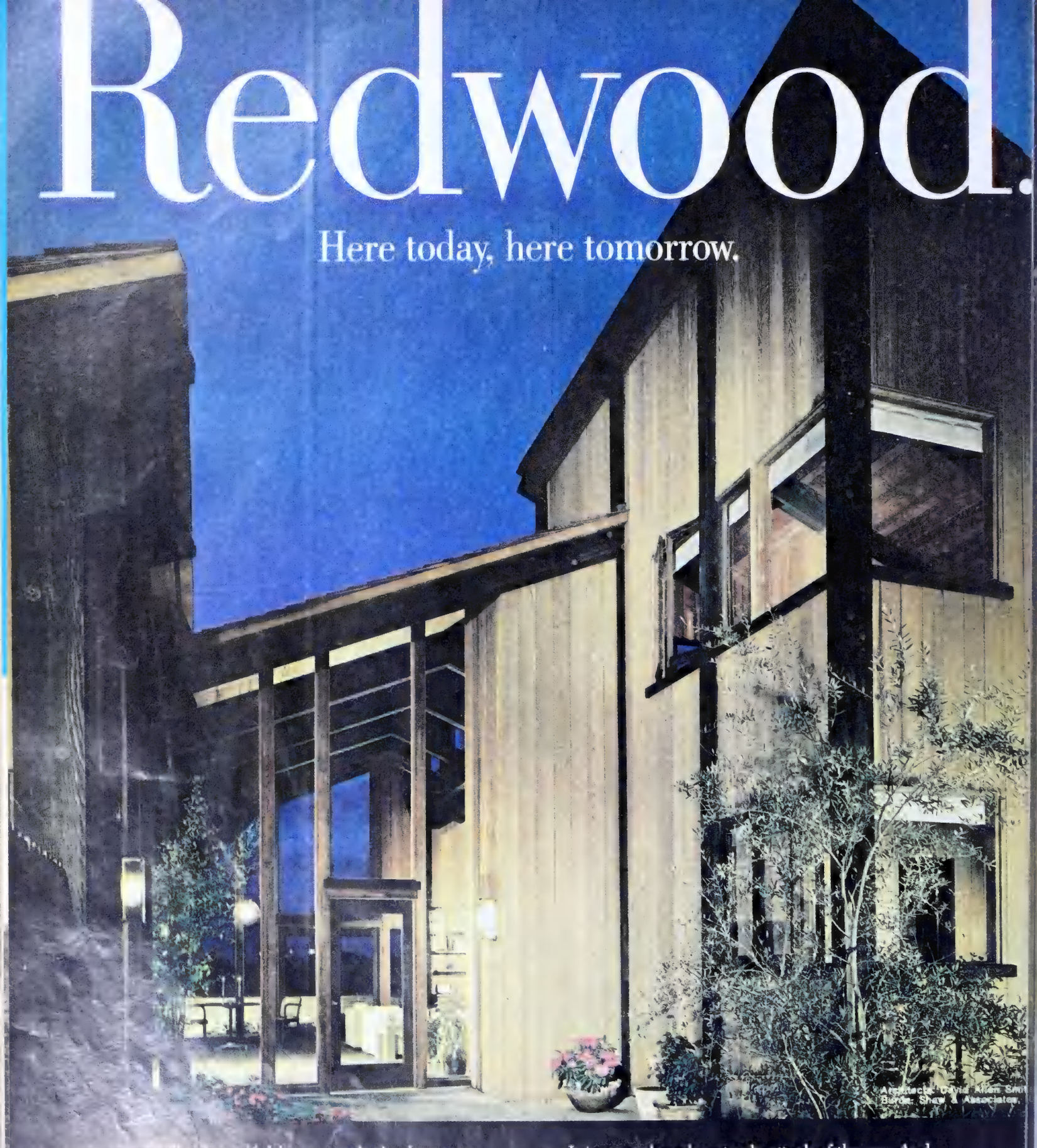
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1. A one-time passage turned into gameroom, its grandiose *boiserie* joined with calico-quilt patchwork, a Greek rug, vinyl python walls in the home of Designers Blaine and Booth.

HARRY HARTMAN



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2. The safari syndrome—one man's love of the veldt, here urbanized in the New York living room of Louis Mallas. Sophisticated velvet, chrome, lacquer, Mylar-covered walls mix unexpectedly with big game horn, zebra stripes and Roman shades. **3.** In the Mallas den, a stylized barkcloth pattern, used over-all, backdrops a collection of fetishes, contemporary chrome, grass-cloth chair and color-related geometric carpet. David Barrett, designer. **4.** A favorite color puts the "this is mine" stamp on a pink-palette room in Coronado Shores, Calif. It's a monochrome expressed in plaid, floral and shag in a condominium by J. H. Snyder Co. Carole Eichen, designer. **5.** Love chintz? Use it floor to ceiling, flowering walls with nostalgic bouquets straight out of the Edwardian era, updated and upscaled by Van Luit. More romantic look-back: Edwardian chairs, Lawson sofas, Chinese table, all new, by Henredon.

BELOW RIGHT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; OTHERS, GRAFF GARCIA

personal statements in fetishes and favorite things






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the spice of being oneself makes it lively

6. A frank flaunting of an old-fashioned taste is good for soul and psyche—and there are lots of brand-new "old-fashionisms" to flaunt it with: e.g., cherry wood neo-Eastlake bedroom furniture by American Drew, the bed thrown with Mountain Artisans' big-block quilt of flowery calico against a wallpaper windstorm of blossoms by F. Schumacher. **7.** High on a California hill, in a condominium complex called Coronado Shores, a lanai-like living room complete with a view of Glorietta Bay. It's a comfortable, workable room for a few or a crowd, planned by Designer Carole Eichen for owners who eschew fussiness and opt for contemporary sleekness. Built by J. H. Snyder Co. **8.** Certain rooms say, "We're not stuffy, still we do like the Establishment look." For instance, such combines as this Pennsylvania House furniture tinged with Duncan Phyfe, chair seats covered in a modern tobacco-leaf print repeat of the non-Establishment orange vinyl wall pattern by Connaissance. Oriental rug is Turkey-red traditional. **9.** Loud and strong, this room states a predilection for lively newness—a yen for green, burgeoning leafery as well as for gleaming glass and metal and molded plastic. All furniture newness by Kroehler, room designed by Don Opper.

FAR LOWER LEFT, GEORGE R. SZANYI; OTHERS, GRAFF GARCIA



10. Vibrant party room for up-to-this-minute Orientalists, musical electronics in a high-lacquer cabinet contrived from a Siamese screen, a penchant for Persian showing in the ceramics and riotous mango-and-pomegranate print. Shirred fabric walls are banded in gun-metal mirror. Aaron Ast, designer. **11.** A romanticist lives here—one with an inventive view of color—amid furniture suggesting a Paris parlor of the bell époque. The sharp, contemporary upholstery and rug colors are intensifications of the pale blossoms coloring the Instock wallpaper. New, nostalgic furniture made by Globe. **12.** Extrovert, experimental but dead-set on comfort (see that rocker)—that's the personality sum-up found in this room for entertaining. Glass, steel, plastics are softened by plump upholstery and hot color. Pow wall is one huge graphic. An acrylic tower glows with

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chunky candles, their pin-dot reflections sparkling beside a porcelain bird. The furniture, Selig's latest. **13, 14, 15.** Carl Barnes and Howard Monroe furnished this living room in Winston-Salem, N.C., for a mythical couple of traditional bent, suggesting meantime how a collection of fine 18th-century furniture, art and artifacts can be integrated with such contemporary comforts as picture windows and cushy upholstery. Wood furniture, art, porcelains and a library of Civil War volumes are indeed of collector's quality. It's a quietly, conservatively flavored room for people who take delight in hearthside and history, who enjoy the tranquilities —reading, needlework, the slow tick of a wag o' the wall. Its pattern is the time-honored teaming of stripes and a floral print, the print cozily quilted on sofas and chairs. And, for these lovers of serenity, a calm color blend of roses and greens.

TOP LEFT, HARRY HARTMAN; OTHERS, GRAFF GARCIA









16. An unexpected put-together in Hawaii—hardly a hint of the Polynesian, give or take a collection of local shells and the bamboo leaves in the floral print. It's a den, sometimes a guestroom, in the condominium called Hawaii-Kai near Coco Head. Grant Co. of Hawaii, the builders. Carole Eichen colored this adult retreat coral and orange, gave it the amusement of a child's wagon, topped with glass, for a cocktail table. **17.** Collectors of antique rarities—like a matched set of painted Louis XV chairs, a rock crystal-and-ormolu chandelier, a Siamese Buddha—Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence M. Rosenthal have brought them together in their New York townhouse dining room. More surprise: Diners look out to a solarium porch and Chinese garden. Blaine and Booth, designers. **18**. Potent, high-lacquer orange suddenly shifting to navy blue—a surprising color choice in a formal living room, indicating that the owners follow no leader but their own taste. Even a Queen Anne lacquered table is unexpectedly navy blue. The choices all have a good cause, however, suggested by two favorite Chinese possessions —the painting and the fine rug. Blaine and Booth, designers.

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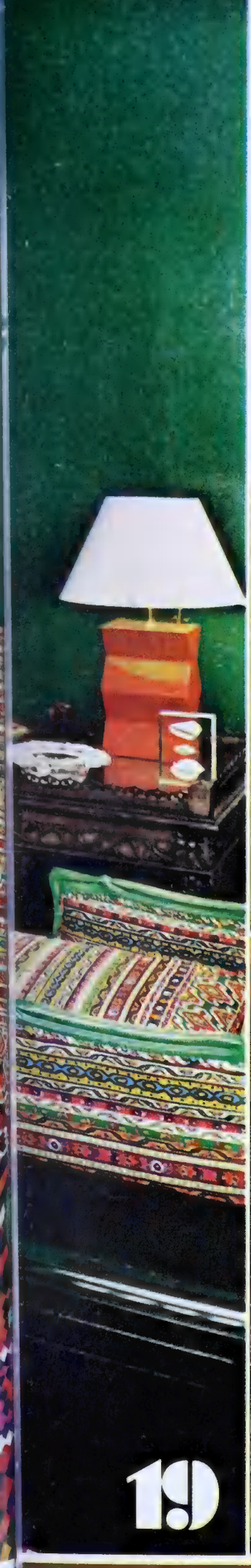




19. A mix of bright patterns from Near East, Far East and Navajo country, decidedly do-your-own-thing decorating in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Nadelson. Designer Aaron Ast has coordinated this taste for the brilliant and the exotic against walls of hemlock green, corniced in bright stripes. On the wall above the sofa, a Japanese panel. Conversation-piece coffee table is a fantasy of twisted branches. **20.** Toile, fake fur and a not-usual teaming of black with chocolate brown—a guestroom in the Southampton, N.Y., home of Designer Clifford H. Stanton. Country French armchairs, now stripped to their natural fruitwood color, have honest-to-goodness rush seats. Old-fashioned shutter blinds, dark-framed, pinch-hit for curtains and a Swiss carved-wood bear amusingly supports a fernery of old Majolica. **21.** Forgotten for a while, now back on the scene —the gaudy fantasy flowers of Chinese cotton, revived in this Hannett Morrow Fischer wallpaper to background a traditional dining room. Furniture, with Chippendale overtones, is new from Heritage. Mirror frame, a switch from the conventional gilt, is lacquered as porcelain-white as the sideboard monkey that it reflects. Floor-to-ceiling corner screens are rickrack-pattern vinyl. **22.** A party pavilion—a normal room imaginatively transformed into a gameroom as enchantingly elegant as an 18th-century folly of *chinoiserie*. It's a room of reflections reflected, red lacquer mirror on mirrored walls draped with fabric, ceiling canopied. Furniture, Edwin Lambeth's interpretation of Chinese Chippendale, is high-gloss lacquer. Rug pattern suggests open-work chair backs.

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it's all yours when you add a touch of fantasy



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A DASH OF LONDON in a quiet corner of Manhattan

Editor LESTER GRUNDY ☐ it's a worldly flat, much in the mood of London's Mayfair, where elegant townhouses glow with gentleness and charm, where orderly green parks are just a step away. And that's quite appropriate, for Photographer Howard Graff's apartment does overlook Manhattan's Gramercy Park, where old houses flank a square filled with thickets of greenery. But the apartment has a personal spirit all its own, filled with a collection of treasures gathered from 20 years of travel. In the living room, two areas were dictated by a central beam on one wall. As you enter (*right*), a Korean leather table holds artifacts, and part of his turtle collection prowls beneath a Japanese screen. At the other end (*bottom*), there's a massive Louis XVI desk and an English wing chair facing the park. African sculpture is displayed on a commode in the foyer (*inset below*) and a recessed bookcase (*left*) holds a custom-made version of an early 19th-century captain's bed that is in the permanent collection of the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.









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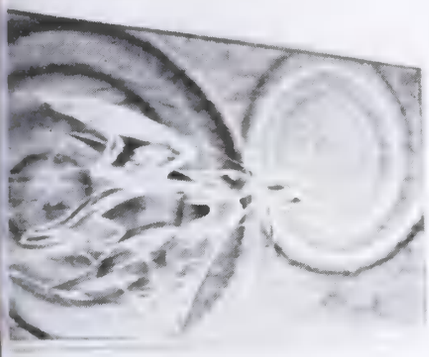




Behind its aura, a man at home with the world



Graff's study (*far left*) is intriguingly arranged with Far Eastern finds. Except for the enormous crinkly paper chandelier suspended from the 11-foot-high orange ceiling, all of this personal Orientalia—the paintings, the cabinet, the exquisite china pieces—is from China or Japan. "I call it my throw-away room," says Graff. "It's reached a saturation point so that I can no longer collect. I have to think about eliminating. This is a room of things I love but can't find a place for elsewhere. I don't *sit* here, but I like to look." And so he does, on his way to the bedroom (*near left and below*), where a batik-patterned leather pillow rests against a suede headboard beneath a Morris Graves painting—and where, as in London, there is a step-out balcony. The balcony window is framed in soft mushroom silk taffeta. A corner chair is from England's Brighton Pavilion, and the bureau facing the bed is a stack of Japanese traveling chests with brass carrying-loops on the two ends. "They're inexpensive peasant chests," Graff says, "Japanese Provincial—if we can make up that term." Even the kitchen (*inset center left*) faces the park. And here, too, there's an aura of worldliness, from the floor imaginatively covered in a pattern of pale and dark laminated bamboo strips to the highly lacquered eggplant walls, the French table and chairs, lattice-door cabinets and a sparkly crystal chandelier.





enlightening! look to a lamp to reset time and mood

The focus is on lamps—formal reproductions, variations of the architectural column, designs with unusually finished bases, distinctive shades or an artfully flexible form. While the table lamp functions as one source of light in a room area it's also an important decorating element with enormous versatility. As a mood-building accent, it can harmonize perfectly with the period or genre of a setting. But the room that's done in Louis Quinze need not insist on an ormolu lamp typical of Regency French. The library with an Art Deco motif can be lit with other than a lamp base in geometric shape. Used within four different decorating situations, all of these 17 lamps affirm their ability to alter a mood, cohabit tastefully with another-century piece and dramatically change an environment. Reflect on . . .



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The intimate rendezvous at Blaine & Booth, New York—a living room, in the very essence of Louis Quinze. In this corner, a damask wallcovering serves as a majestic backdrop for a French commode. For perfection in warmth in lighting, four distinctive lamp arrangements to vary the tone: **1.** Keeping the mood of subtle elegance is Tyndale's Directoire metal urn in antique black with brass accents. Pleated shade of beige silk. 34 inches high; about $105. **2.** Relax the room into a more countrified frame of mind with a basket of fresh flowers and Rembrandt's tole candlestick lamp with matching metal shade. 20 inches high; about $54. **3.** To coordinate Regency French with contemporary American, flip the switch on a tanned vinyl leather lamp with a polished aluminum mushroom dome. By George Kovacs. 29 inches high; the dome is 18 inches in diameter; about $65. **4.** A richness of texture is added with "Cinnabar"—a reproduction of a Chinese design in pure white relief. By Keramos. 29 inches high; about $300.

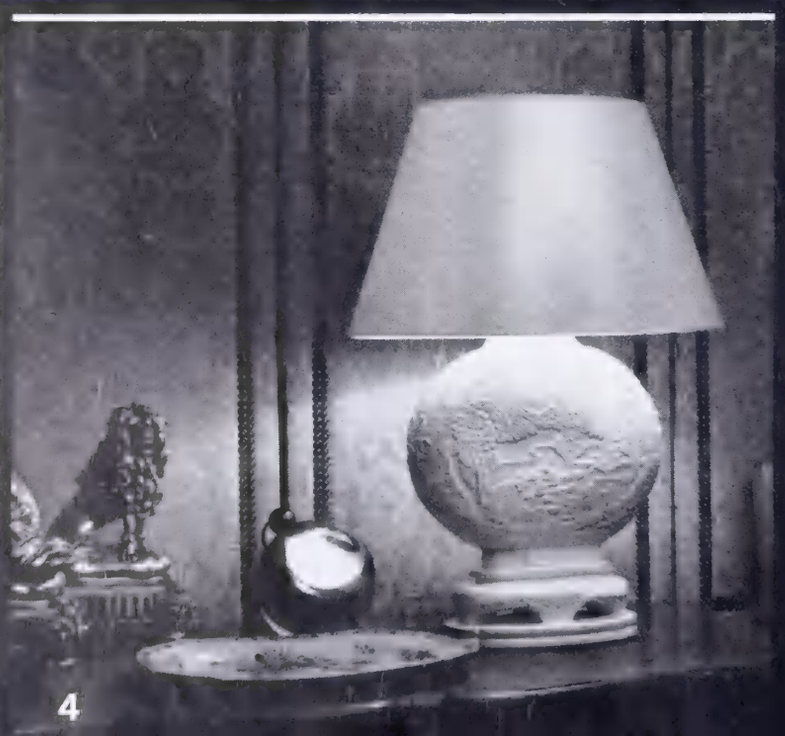
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The statement in Designer Clifford H. Stanton's Manhattan flat: The Mix unified by imaginative lighting. **5.** To assert the country look is Stiffel's brass and black lamp with crystal globe. Black parchment shade. 34½ inches high; about $112. **6.** For a whimsical approach, white ceramic "Beehive" lamp and lacquered paper shade. In four colors; from Clifford H. Stanton antiques. 28 inches high; about $35. **7.** To complement the Louis Seize chair, Chapman's 18th-century oilburner lamp. The base is antique brass and steel and the shade opaque glass. 31 inches high; about $105. **8.** A sense of proportion and texture is fulfilled with this straw and polished chrome lamp with a lacquered white paper shade. By Objets Plus. 31 inches high; base, about $285; shade, about $50. **9.** Harmony in color and contour is realized with the reproduction Delft lamp; Javanese batik fabric pleated over a paper shade. From Clifford H. Stanton antiques. 31 inches high; base, about $200; shade, about $90.











At Designer Robert Metzger's: the desk, symmetry of line, the exemplar of Art Deco; the wallcovering, the texture of granite magnified and captured on fabric; the lighting, innovative. **10.** For a comfortable country style, Knob Creek's reproduction French peasant lamp. The base is in a pewter finish; the shade in white silk. 22½ inches high; about $80. **11.** Dramatic and primitive—the environment is a study in pattern with the African tapa cloth lamp in shades of beige to chocolate brown. The shade is wool string. By Karl Springer. 24 inches high; base, about $300; shade, about $45. **12.** Movement, openness, subtly curved lines—the contemporary look adapts to the 30s desk with the "Praying Mantis" lamp by Nessen. Base and legs are of polished aluminum tubing. Pivoting ball reflector is baked enamel. Ralph Rye, designer. 21 inches high; about $63. **13.** Excellence of design and function in Albrizzi's chrome gooseneck lamp. 20 inches high; about $163.









The situation: a contemporary Manhattan living room with a low-armed sofa and a lamp table. The lighting: an exciting pastiche of form, material and glow. **14.** To establish a tranquil mood, a simple vase with slender branches is offset by the stately green porcelain French lamp. Black paper drum shade. By Paul M. Jones. 26 inches high; about $285. **15.** The atmosphere is defined with a freer, more linear concept, the illumination dimmed with a chrome snake lamp that appears self-motivating, gesturing languidly with tips of light. By Robert Sonneman. 31 inches high; about $175. **16.** The phosphorescence within emphasizes the sculptural interpretation of the lamp as a decorating achievement. Paper over a wire form. In three sizes. Shown: 15 inches high, about $16; 18 inches high, about $17. By D B Design. **17.** For a scintillating outlook on environments, a Lucite-and-chrome spiral lamp by Karl Springer. 24 inches high: base, about $525; shade, $45.









recycling

A BROKEN MERRY-GO-ROUND?

By JULIE MAXEY

Aboard one of the U.S. Navy's deep submersible craft, 50 miles off the coast of San Diego and 2,450 feet down, Admiral R.J. Galanson, chief of naval materials, peered through a porthole to view the wonders of the undersea world, which, perhaps, no other man had ever seen. The first thing he spotted, only two feet away on the ocean floor, was an empty beer can.—Nebraska State Senator Leslie Robinson, Earth Day, 1970.

We're spoiled. The miracles of modern technology are at our finger tips. Just push a button and luxurious innards, from shaving to whipping cream, spurt out of aerosol cans. The can opener is passé: Pull a pop top, unscrew a bottle cap. Foil, plastic bags, TV trays are handed to us with frozen foods. Fresh vegetables travel to us year-round in spoilage-retarding plastic-film wrapping. Beans are bagged, crackers paper-sealed inside boxes, lemons packed four to a green plastic container. Shoe laces, shirts, screws, cold capsules, sheets, place mats—all packaged, labeled and price-stamped for a self-service cashier, no wait, no counting, no weighing. Unless you're caught in a checkout line, you can be in and out of the store in minutes. Shampoo, detergent, window cleaners, hand lotion—any butterfingers can handle an unbreakable plastic bottle. We throw away paper napkins, plates, cups, towels and diapers as easily as we do Kleenex.

The undersea wonder seen by Admiral Galanson is one of the 250 metal cans each American pays for and tosses out yearly, along with 188 pounds of paper, 135 bottles and jars and heaps of ordinary garbage. There are over 200 million of us. Do your own multiplying. Recycling is supposed to save us from being buried by our own extravagances or living a stunted lifestyle. It may. We've first got to perfect a way—and a national will—to recycle. The consumer-industrial complex has to be cracked. Now, few consumers care. "Industry always meets the needs and desires of its customers," says Haskell Stovroff, chairman of the National Association of Secondary Material Industries' solid waste utilization committee. If industry is to be prodded into reducing packaging and making longer-lasting products out of reused materials, customers have to create a market by being willing to buy the products and concepts. As long as we trade appliances for shiny new models every few years, industry will build short lives into them. If we buy throwaway containers, industry will make more.

One example of the recycle merry-go-round is the bottle battle. Production of no-return bottles is up 53,000% over 25 years ago. They're cheaper for industry to make—and it costs less to make new bottles than to grind down and re-form used no-returns. You pay for the bottle and its disposal. Although returnable bottles can be refilled 19 times, they cost more to make and bottlers have to average about six trips a bottle to break even. You pay a deposit to use the bottle, but statistically the odds are that you won't cash in: The national average for soft-drink bottles is only about 15 trips, down to less than four trips in many areas of the Northeast. The bottlemaker loses money and at the same time faces a lot of pressure from retailers who don't want the problem of handling and storing bottles. Pepsico tried returnable bottles for six months in the New York area and lost 14.4 million of them—worth $722,000.

"In practice, consumers support the supermarkets and the container makers rather than the environmentalists," wrote Associate Editor Tom Alexander in *Fortune* last June. "According to various polls, from 50 to 70% of the people *say* they are in favor of banning nonreturnable bottles. Their actions often belie their words. Sales figures indicate that, given their choice, most consumers will pick beverages in nonreturn containers, no matter that they cost more."

The romantic vision of local recycling centers as focal points for the community is shattering, too. The dream said towns would learn a new sense of community purpose, solve solid-waste problems and make money by selling the recycling center's collection back to industry. Some do: Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., a town of 6,500, breaks even on its solid-waste disposal system by recycling. But most, like the San Diego Ecology Centre that collected 130 tons of glass in only eight months, can barely pay all their expenses.

Though industry now pays $13 a ton for clear glass and $10 for colored, $200 for aluminum, $11 for ferrous metal and $13 for paper fibers, industry reclamation points are few and far between. Transportation fees eat up profits. Now volunteer labor is getting bored and quitting. Centers are closing. Some experts argue they never should have opened. Bill Painter of the Washington Ecology Center chides ecology centers for being "free public relations for industry. It gets the heat taken off them and the consumer doesn't feel bad about buying a no-return bottle because he can drop it into a bin." It's better to bin a no-return bottle than throw it away or let it lie on the highway, but it's better still to buy and return returnable bottles.

"It's a matter of finding a business climate to make an investment in recycling. Now it's hardly worth it with such small returns," says Ralph Black of the federal Environmental Protection Agency. And industry *is* rewarded for using up raw materials. They're bargain-priced and sometimes carry a depletion allowance, which means a fat tax deduction. Manufacturing plants are usually located near sources of virgin materials—and virgin resources cost a lot less to move than scrap: The freight rate per ton for iron ore is $1.64, for steel scrap, $4.17. Attempts by industry to start or return to recycling rarely work out. The high price of setting up

a recycling system and then collecting and carrying the refuse cuts into company profits. And this hits a manager square on his bonus.

"We've been seduced by advertising into buying convenience items that have turned out to be inconvenient," says Ilene Goldman, cochairman of Consumer Action Now, a volunteer group that researches and publishes a newsletter on ecological and consumer happenings. The point is that the consumer can stop buying, too, suggests Ms. Goldman. "When people care," she says, "they have power. We hope."

Such people power is working on paper recycling. Housewives to End Pollution (HEP, Buffalo, N.Y.) puts out a sample letter that stresses the benefits of paper recycling. It's for voters to use to persuade legislators and manufacturers that, indeed, people do care. The Council of New York Law Associates prepared a Prospectus on Purchasing Recycled Paper and sent it to 10,000 lawyers. In Madison, Wis., citizens started a successful newspaper recycling program.

The Garden State Paper Co. has pollution-free mills in New Jersey, Illinois and California recycling newsprint for local markets. And more than 100 major companies now use recycled paper for stationery, bonds, books, forms, Xerox paper, tissues, cartons, towels, insulation, roofing, padding. Examples are Kimberly-Clark, Crown Zellerbach, Hudson Pulp & Paper Co., Container Corp. of America, Owens-Illinois Inc., Eagle-A Paper Mills, Crane and Co., American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Bank of America, Chase Manhattan Corp., RCA Corp., the Longines-Wittnauer Watch Co. Inc., National Geographic Society, Consolidated Edison of New York Inc., Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of New York, Canada Dry Corp. But our major consumer, the government, is hanging back. Recycled paper is taboo for record-keeping because, they say, it may yellow or crumble faster than virgin fibers. There has been one tiny, tottering step toward recycling. The General Services Administration, which buys all the government's supplies, requires 35% or more waste fibers in fiberboard for packing cartons and paper used for hand towels, tissues and some printed paper. The same rule applies to cartons in which companies deliver goods to the government. State government and other private groups are following the leader and starting to require recycled fibers for paper products.

There is a small coterie of industries that can now turn rags to riches in other areas. Member companies of the National Association of Secondary Material Industries have been at it since 1914. They reproduced 50% of the steel and lead that industry uses, 40% of the copper, over 20% of the paper, 15% of the aluminum, zinc, glass, rubber. Hopefully, 20th-century prospectors will strike it rich panning in man-made mines of solid waste and build whole industries based on reusing wastes. Karen Dumont, executive director of Environmental Action Coalition, keeps the faith in our free enterprise system. After all, she points out, garbage is free. Some entrepreneur will come along and exploit it.

In fact, there are already machines that separate, sort or shred almost everything and machines to make processed waste into "new" products. Most recycling machines are one-of-a-kind, not available or, if available, expensive. But some are now used. The best example operating is the auto body process plant. There are 109 scattered in 32 states. But technological expertise can be over-motivated. Newly developed "glasphalt" (an alternative to asphalt) and glass building materials will use ground glass—but they will also use energy—and cost $2 to $3 more a ton than stone.

A federally funded experiment in Franklin, Ohio, is developing a plant around a machine called the Hydrapulper in which all of the town's daily output of refuse will be reprocessed into paper pulp and steel-can, glass and aluminum scrap materials. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has announced plans for a smokeless furnace that will burn old tires for fuel, and tire men are looking into the use of old tires as artificial reefs along the coast, as ingredients in asphalt road surfaces and in producing a spongy turf for playgrounds and parks. The Department of Interior's Bureau of Mines has experimented in converting trash into low-sulfur fuels. (*Text continued on page 206*)

HOW DO YOU SCORE ON RECYCLING? TAKE OUR QUIZ AND RATE YOURSELF

do you:

- ***study solid waste solutions for your community and vote for the man who will best carry them out?***
- ***make time to take pen in hand and write to legislators and businessmen urging them to champion recycling?***
- ***buy returnable containers, and return them?***
- ***boycott products that can't be recycled?***
- ***buy economy sizes to save money and packaging?***
- ***refill plastic bottles from glass ones?***
- ***reuse metal trays, pans and such?***
- ***reuse packaging in its original forms: coffee cans for pencil holders; containers and tops for toys?***
- ***use cloth, not paper towels, napkins, diapers?***
- ***recycle newspapers, pass along magazines, return phone books to the phone company?***
- ***take recyclable waste to centers as an anti-litter move?***
- ***return clothing hangers to cleaners?***
- ***ask the laundry not to wrap each shirt individually?***
- ***compost your garbage for garden fertilizer?***
- ***use trash bags? It's agreed they save time, energy and therefore dollars. The collector doesn't have to wrestle with a can. But those plastic bags are hard to dispose of. Try for the strong paper ones.***



MARIS SEMEL

OUT



By SUSAN LEWIN □ Both the spirit and the substance of Savannah's very special style of 19th-century architecture have been remarkably restored in this landmark house for a young executive, his wife and four children. The efforts of several architects are responsible—Gunn & Meyerhoff of Savannah and Alan Buchsbaum of Design Coalition, New York—and much of their total success with the house results from their exacting handling of details. The columned portico, Charlestonian side porches, cast iron ornamental grillwork, buff-colored stucco facing—all these make this fine residence (*top left*) a gem of Savannah, one of the country's most beautiful cities.

Once inside the house, there's a definite change of pace, and this Southern beauty becomes a rich background for an international mix of furnishings: a red-blue-and-beige Marimekko Finnish fabric in the entry (*left*), Chinese antiques and Italian seating systems, Indian rugs and Chippendale chairs and a modern David Shapiro painting over the living room mantel (*above*). Throughout, the old and the new combine to bring old Savannah 100 years forward, right into the 1970s and today's lifestyle.

OF YESTERDAY

...but very much today, a Savannah landmark emerges as a spirited home for a young family







"Although we definitely emphasized graphics, color, texture and pattern, our objective was to accentuate the architecture of the house, not to hide it," says Architect Buchsbaum, who was born in Savannah. "It was this thinking that led us to use a dark stain for the original woodwork trim in the interconnecting living and dining rooms (*above and left*). The dark woodwork in essence becomes an outline for the forms of the two rooms."

Every hue in the rainbow makes an appearance at least once in the 64,000-square foot townhouse, but every color scheme begins with either beige, red or blue (the colors of the entry hall fabric). All is low-key and underplayed in the soft beige living and dining rooms. More mixing in the dining room: modern graphics by Joe Tilson over the mantel and a Victorian chandelier. Up the staircase—"the

assertive new colors and patterns emphasize the fine detailing of original architecture



spine of the house, where all the color transitions occur"—the two bedroom floors begin. The master suite (*right*) is a play of beiges with accents of red lacquer. In the adjoining study (*above*), red takes over and then becomes the dominant color of the house. On this floor, the idea was to take one pattern and use it in different colors. The seashell pattern in the bedroom is orange-on-beige for the spread and beige-on-beige for the ottomans. The study is a combination of the same scale diamonds in green/white/red on sofas, a larger size on walls and ceiling.

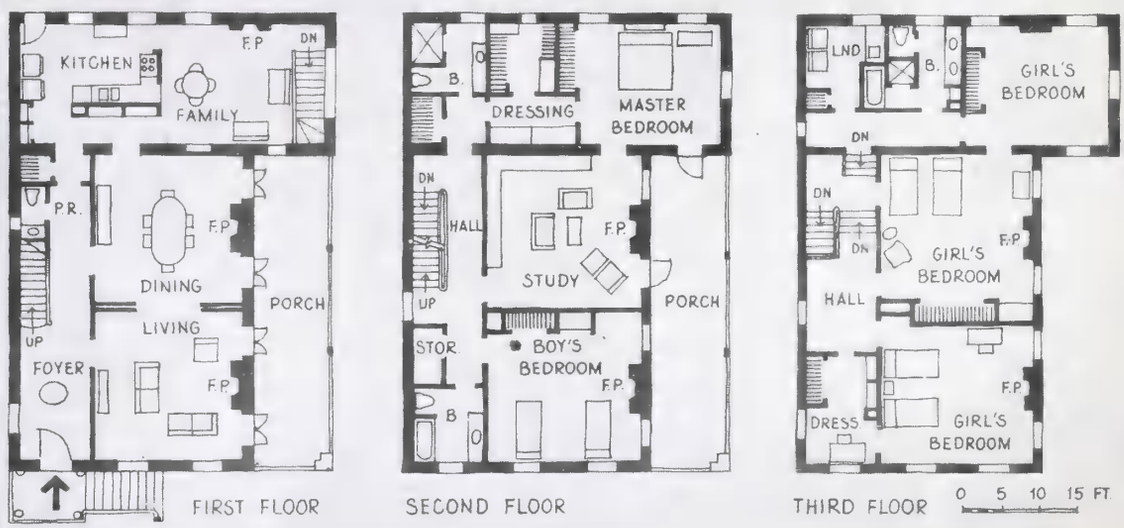
"Room sizes were basically kept intact," says Architect Meyerhoff, "because the house was in such fine condition. Modern lighting was added, along with well-hidden new plumbing and central air-conditioning. Our initial concern was to transfer the living functions of a family of six from a relatively small suburban house to a large townhouse. Since each floor has only three primary room spaces, we had to evaluate which room functions had the greatest relationship to each other. Thus the study ended up on the second floor right next to the master suite."



from spaces they couldn't save, a superb new kitchen





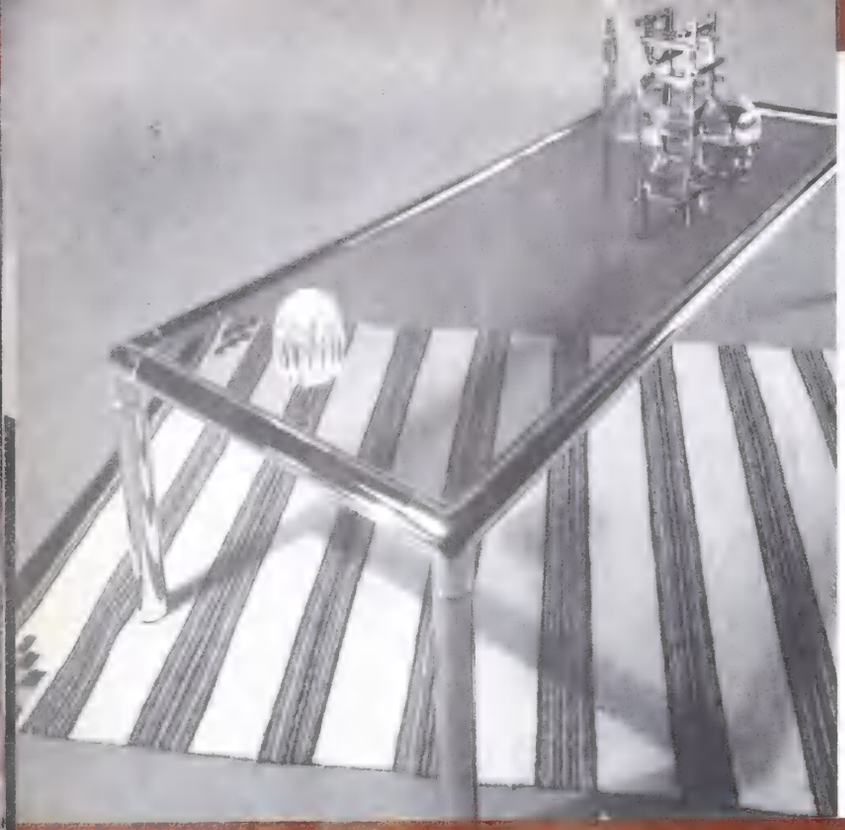


PLANS, NATALIE F. SIEGEL

No museumlike showplace for tourists is Savannah. Ever since much of the original city was literally saved from the bulldozer by a group of farsighted citizens who organized themselves into the highly effective Historic Savannah Foundation in 1954, these houses have not been restored just as "butterflies on a pin" but as genuine living spaces for families.

And families such as this family of six need large kitchens. While the spaces remained essentially the same in the rest of this house (see *plans above*), the kitchen was greatly enlarged to provide space for counters, storage cabinets and a place for informal dining. This was the part of the house that was most neglected and fell into the most disrepair during the years that Savannah's fine architecture was forgotten. A dentist formerly owned the house and had destroyed much of the architectural integrity of the rear of the parlor floor in converting it into dental operating rooms. Once it was decided that the kitchen would occupy that space, Gunn and Meyerhoff took an entirely contemporary point of view since there was nothing worth saving. Their approach was a freestanding kitchen island. One side is the working kitchen (*far left*) and the other a sculptural dividing wall with a large red, white, blue and yellow supergraphic worked in Formica (*above left*). All the bathrooms are new and some employ wood paneling (*near left*).

But living in Savannah also means living where the weather is warm much of the year, and for this family that means hours of sitting out on the cool, shady porches (*above right*) when the evening air is heavy with the scent of magnolias and azaleas and dogwoods.



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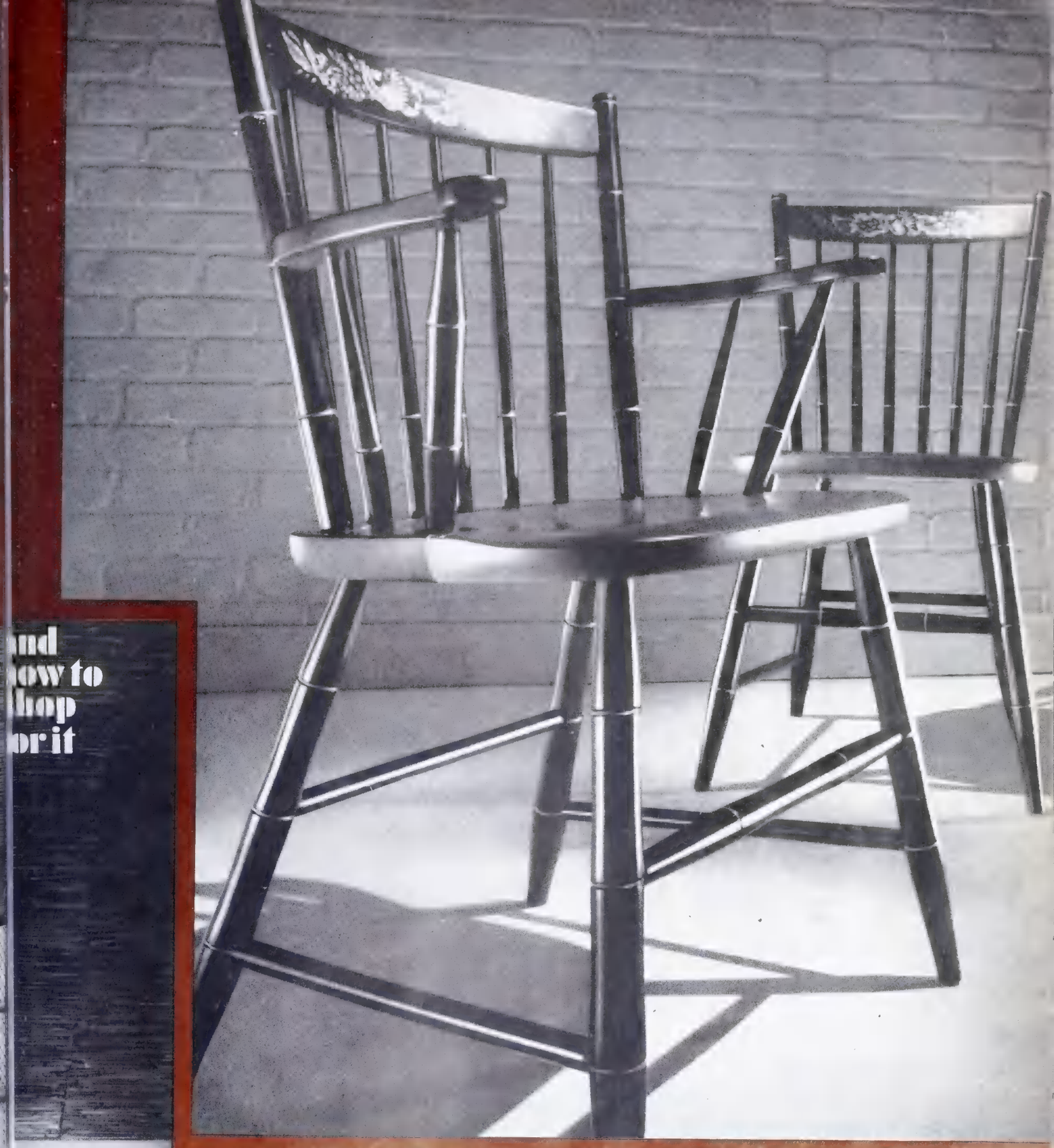
You are just married and starting to furnish your first apartment. Or, you have been married for 25 years and decide it's time for a big change. You may be adding a few new pieces of furniture or buying a whole houseful, but no matter where, no matter when, no matter how much—everyone starts with the same question: How do I buy furniture that I'll really be happy with?

Once, there were definite styles and rules to follow, and definite limits as to what was readily available. But today? Just look at the Debut '73 preview on these pages—everything's available . . . from the Orient to the Connecticut and all points in between, Olde English curlicued or moon-ship sparse, light woods, dark woods, chrome, glass, plastic, upholstered, painted. That's the point of the home furnishing industry's Debut '73 program, of course, to showcase the new furniture simultaneously in stores all across the country. "New Dimensions in Living" is the theme for this fall's presentation, and participating stores will be showing the newest and the best American furniture manufacturers have to offer—displaying it all in model rooms and other special treatments sure to give you lots of ideas. All of that makes it a great time to shop, but this wealth of choice can also make it much harder to decide just what you do want. The key, counsels Manhattan Decorator Robert Metzger,

DEBUT '73 the new furniture







Long and low by Lane. A cocktail table (top left) with a shining chrome frame that meets in four brass corners, all of this metallic gleam encasing a darkling top of tinted glass. It's a perfect show-off for bibelots—or show it elegantly alone. About $80. A cushy find from Founders (far left) is this never-want-to-get-up chair upholstered in gold chamois and trimmed with chrome. About $700. Good things come in small Oriental packages. In this case, it's a bachelor's chest (center left) in green with natural cane front and Oriental pulls, and only 12 inches deep. About $250. From Drexel's Et Cetera Group. The two pieces of Americana (above) are faithful followers of the 19th-century Hitchcock chairs, complete with ring-turned legs and back-posts and the stenciling those chairs were famous for. In fruitwood with brown-black painted finish. Armchair, about $50; side chair, $40. Hitchcock Chair Co.



who did the room shown pages 126 and 127, is to "think, above all, of your lifestyle. You must create your own ambience, your own elegance. All of this should become a reality in your own home." There are some realities it's difficult to overlook—a six-foot-six husband whose feet would hang off the edge of a standard-sized double bed or a three-year-old who thinks glass objects sitting on a table are meant for dropping to the floor. But what about the more subtle realities—those unique characteristics of your family lifestyle, those individual preferences that make your needs different from your neighbor's?

To bring these to light, ask yourself a few basic questions: What kind of mood do you want to create in this room? Is your taste formal or informal? Is it to be a room for adults or must you consider children, pets and other potential hazards to pale silks and delicate vases? Will you be entertaining in this room? Often? What kind? If you enjoy hosting hordes of happy neighbors for late-afternoon drinks, extra seating will be a consideration. Do you prefer small sit-down dinners or the larger mix-and-mingle variety? Will your bedroom be only a nighttime retreat or must it function also as a study/sewing room/sitting room? Is there abundant built-in storage or must your furniture include armoires, bookcases, chests and other stash-away items? How large is the room (or rooms) you'll be furnishing?

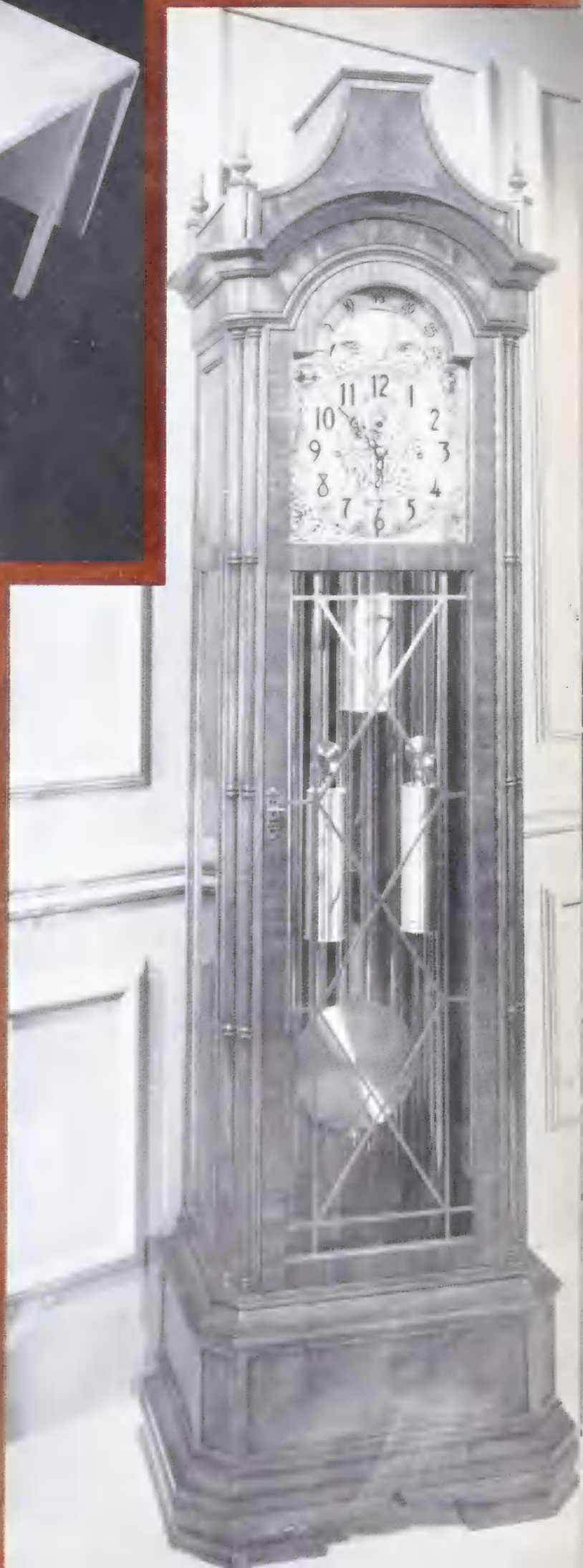
the new furniture







Two may be company, but three is never a crowd on American of Martinsville's cane-backed love seat (top left). Imported from Spain, it has a handcrafted curve-back frame in fruitwood finish and a cane seat with a loose cushion of multicolored, striped velvet. About $250. Puckered and puffy in a pullover design, a billowy 88-inch sofa from Kroehler's Country Collection (left). It's upholstered in a breathable new Naugahyde called Aerflo and has straps that curve around the arms to buckle at the sides. $360. From Moreddi comes an oak table that spreads its leaves to accommodate 10 people. Strips of Danish oak in natural finish pattern the parquet inlay top and the legs are of oak, as well. Designed by Hans Olsen. $245. Keep an eye—and an ear—on the time with Herschede's "Wellington" grandfather clock (right). A mahogany piece, it has glass front and sides to display chimes. Gold-plated filigree dials and moving moon dial decorate the face, the whole topped by wood finials. About $2,500.



"The first thing to do is to decide your needs," says Ron Frank, president of Frank Brothers furniture store in Long Beach, Calif. "Have an idea of who you are and what you want because furniture reflects your personality and your lifestyle." Along with this, he suggests that before you decide on any individual pieces, you "scale out and make a plan of the room." Consider traffic patterns and seating areas, windows and lighting. No guest should have to wage warfare with your furniture to enter or leave a room; nor should he need a megaphone to carry on a conversation. Making a scaled plan of the room with measurements of the pieces needed will help stave off your buying a lovely but massive credenza that blocks two-thirds of a doorway.

Many professionals suggest that you start shopping by going through magazines. When you find a room or a mood that appeals to you, mentally take it apart to see how all the elements work together. Is that mood built mostly with color and accessories or with one dominant style of furniture? Does the room have architectural strong points similar to yours—or ones that could be simulated with furniture? If the individual items in the room do not fit your needs, are there logical substitutions—a love seat instead of a long sofa, a game table instead of a desk, an armoire instead of a bookcase—that would produce the same effect? Then do some browsing in the stores. (*Continued on page 202*)

the new furniture



Pearls of wisdom, puns and poetry all flow eloquently from the secretary and corner chair (above). Stately secretary of elm burl veneer has a double-bonnet top, measures 83½ by 35½ by 19½ inches. About $935. The corner chair is mahogany with an upholstered cushion. About $130. Both from Hickory Chair Co. Pure and simple—a sofa by Thayer Coggin (center). Chrome bars and butcher-block ends of hard-rock maple set off cushions of flag-blue, basket-weave wool. About $608. The daybed (top right) rides sane at both ends, is all nubby-beige comfort and serenity in the middle. The two headboards with rattan frames were designed by Carlos Lopez for Directional, $165 each. Vertical mirror on the wall (far right) is one of the handsomest of them all. Its Oriental motif features a faux bamboo frame in wheat color or wood-tone finish with cane inserts. $70. Registry Collection by Stanley. Behind the mirror is "Maui Plaid" vinyl wallpaper, a background of lavender, pink and white. Astor Handprint. About $10 per roll.





SPACE PLAY

part of the bath steps out of bounds, giving the bedroom a new attitude in space-sharing

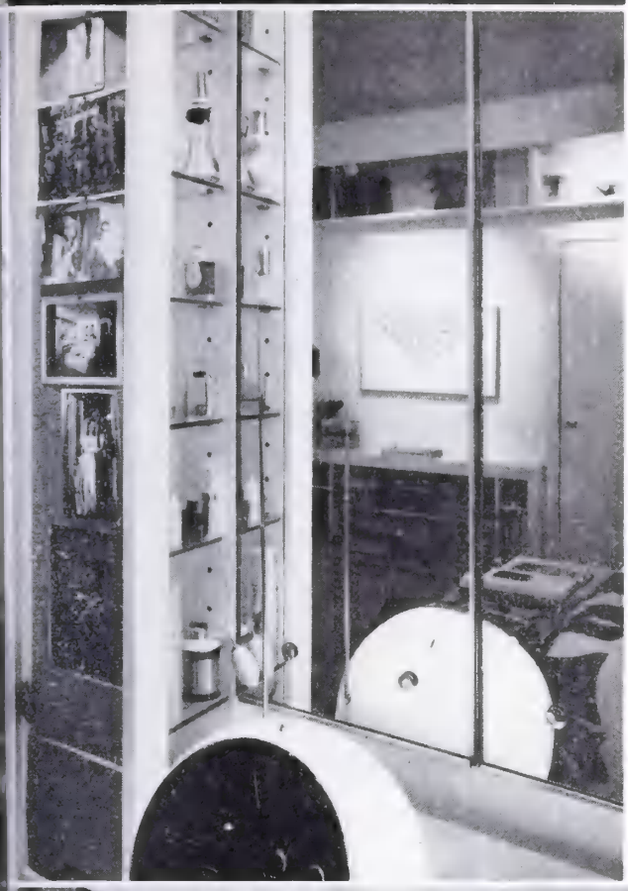


Editor NANCY CRAIG ☐ **Even the great home can have its structural bête noir. For Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Berenson, it was a closet-sized bathroom tucked into a hallway. The six by seven-foot bath begged for positive remodeling, so owners asked for twin sinks, vanity, bidet and shower. Impossible? No. Architect Pamela Heyne Segal redesigned space for matter by scaling the bathroom quarters out — gracefully and functionally — into its adjoining bedroom (*above*). Left wall unit provides a raised round sink in the corner niche with a clean-edge expanse of hidden and revealed wall storage.**

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Yards and yards of artfully designed storage areas end the Procrustean blues—everything here finds a place for a perfect fit. Above the mirror, a cornice of shelving supplies vari-width compartments for out-of-the-way items. To utilize corner space, the headboard is redefined into a wall-length unit. A brace of ceiling-high pilasters that flanks the king-sized bed assumes a dual role (above and right). *The pure, vertical elements convert with a touch to a skillful treatment of the storage cubby. A super tape player—a portable stereo in the round—complements angular counter and matching bench*

A bulletin board posted with favorite snapshots fronts a sequence of glass shelves for this miniature parfumerie (below). *Two new closets built around the window* (right) *create a warm alcove with a plus—an overhead shelf. Recessed lighting and spotlights illuminate.*









The once-homely bath dignified by rethinking space and form (above). *An arch cut over the traditional oblong doorway is dramatized by natural-tone tiling to achieve added height. Curved hamper sits snugly under the round stainless steel sink; sliding-door cabinets provide wall-length storage.*

3 decorators' versions of flair+function

The concept: Take three typical rooms in existing development houses. Ask three successful, imaginative interior designers—using merchandise from a single retail source—to turn them into decidedly atypical multipurpose areas marked by flair and function. The result: Three rooms cozy enough to be alone in but well-planned for family entertaining. The designers' themes are based on three popular looks: The Mix with Mediterranean touches, warm English boldly translated, Early American updated and extended into All-American. Except for an occasional accent, everything comes from Sears. The point: It's possible to make distinctive, invitingly warm and alive rooms out of those often considered too high, too long, too drab—or just plain ordinary. With skillful arrangements for conversation and dining, the well-chosen accessory, the unexpected color, the unusual pattern, any space can turn into the one place you really use. ☐ *Editor* LESTER GRUNDY

aaron ast

a flurry of color and pattern bring a party room together

For those who love color and pattern, the party room is the place to splurge. Here, Designer Aaron Ast has combined red, white and blue into an energetic mix that comes off in a sophisticated yet casual manner. The conversation area is simply an enormous U-shaped sofa around a mirrored table. This creates a central focus that easily draws any group together. Ast takes off from this point for his extrovert multicolor splash. Though the colors remain constant, the patterns subtly change from the sofa's gypsy print to a dressy shirred paisley on the walls. The floor is covered with tiles of easy-care vinyl arranged in large diamonds to make a geometric design, the ceiling lacquered a bright red. Accessories join the mix: Italian-inspired lights, Spanish carved étagère and table, Munich graphics, Americana ironstone. A corner of the room is reserved for the dining area (inset), ready for a teenager's casual buffet party. The colors here echo the sitting area scheme, but the striped patterns present a fresh new point of view.

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2 robert metzger





space-defining groupings divide a big room into live-in areas

The mood of this live-in room by Designer Robert Metzger for Sears is warm English, publike in feeling, though sophisticated in approach. Intimate furniture groupings scale down the high, open room. A large freestanding brick fireplace with a weathered beam mantel becomes its center, flanked by a pair of armless sofas in a step-down conversation pit. Their pattern is a simple, masculine Scotch plaid, repeated in the rug. Beyond, there's another seating area with easy rockers and sofas extending the same plaid. Show-stoppers include a cigar-store Indian and a steel-framed batik panel over the hunt sideboard (near right). Tall vinyl screens help define the different sections of the room and provide a bit of privacy, as in the dining niche (above), where the round yellow table is set for an after-bridge lunch for four. Mood-makers are the large tole chandelier, originally for a billiard room, and napkins of ruffled kitchen towels.





& rubén de saavedra



mix from the past turns ordinary basement into a warm retreat

This development-house basement had all the basics: finished walls and floors, a fireplace with a raised hearth, built-in bookshelves, a strip of windows to bring in light. And Designer Rubén de Saavedra, with Sears, capitalized on all these natural assets to make the whole room come alive. The ceiling is lacquered a shiny peach to heighten it visually, the windows accentuated with narrow two-toned blinds. A friendly hearthside grouping emphasizes the flavors of Early American and the Southwest in cottagy chintzes, a wicker trunk, painted ladderback chairs and a low bench—all given the impact of now with an area rug made up of bright carpet squares. Accessories, too, reflect America: the patchwork pillow, baskets, an eagle canister lamp, a cactus. The two areas of the room are separated by a mahogany desk (left), with the dining area defined by a frieze of graphics below the windows (above), a pyramid of apples and stylish linen mats.

FOOD & DRINK

MENU 1

Berag
(Cheese-filled Pastry)
CHABLIS
Kufta
(Stuffed Meat Balls)
CABERNET SAUVIGNON OR BEAUJOLAIS
Prinzov Pilaf
(Rice and Noodles)
Patlijan
(Baked Eggplant)
Shukar-Ishi
(Armenian Butter Cookies)
Coffee

A TASTE TOUR of THE ARMENIAN KITCHEN







MENU 2

Yalanchi Dolma
(Stuffed Grape Leaves)
Tanabour
(Hot Yogurt Soup)
Kouzou Kzartma
(Baked Lamb Shanks)
Kabak
(Stuffed Baked Zucchini)
Paklava
(Nut-filled Pastry)
Coffee

cooking with Helen McCully

It doesn't necessarily follow that Christian Courtney Shabazian is a fantastic cook because his mother is a fantastic cook, but it does seem like more than mere coincidence. Let's just say he has a natural bent, although he tells us that all Armenians are good cooks, regardless of birth or background, and it may be, as he says, because, "Armenians love to have a big dinner table."

In any event, he grew up around a big dinner table. ("Every Sunday there were always 20 or 30 people for dinner, which was shish kebab and rice pilaf. The grownups drank raki, homemade by one of my grandfathers.") Home was a ranch in California's San Joaquin Valley to which he returned after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley and where he stayed for 15 years working alongside his father. Grapes were the main crop and source of income, but the Shabazians, *mère* and *père*, also operated a full-scale farm with chickens, pigs, sheep and cows and raised 80% of all their fruits and vegetables. "Mother canned or preserved or dried everything that could be canned or preserved or dried."

They lived, as the saying goes, "high on the hog," but after 15 years Shabazian decided to go it on his own, securing a job—his first—in a men's clothing store in San Francisco. An apartment naturally followed and for the first time he tried his cooking wings, taking flight with rice pilaf because "you can eat it with fish, meat or fowl and because it's basic to the Armenian cuisine." So, if he didn't actually learn at his mother's knee, he must have been an unusually observant child—for in no time at all, he was coping with marked success with some of the more involved Armenian dishes. Fortunately, he was able to afford a telephone and if or when he got in over his head—and it happened—he could get long distance assistance from his mother, something he is inclined to do to this day.

His next move, a giant step, took him to New York as an assistant buyer at Lord & Taylor. Four years later he went to Seventh Avenue into what is sometimes called the "rag" business. Meanwhile, he cooked every chance he got, having gone beyond his native Armenian and into the rarefied atmosphere of *haute cuisine* via such recondite sources as Escoffier, Larousse *et al*. Today he can and does cook in many tongues but primarily his own Armenian, French and some Italian.

About six months ago he decided it was time he turned his cooking talent and knowledge to better advantage, which resulted in his opening The Cooking Co. of Bronxville, 22 Sagamore Road, Bronxville, N.Y. (*Continued on page 142*)

On this page, left to right: *the golden walnut-stuffed* Paklava, *the sweet syrup perfumed with cloves and cinnamon and citrus rind; a tender grape leaf, stuffed and rolled, for Shabazian's Yalanchi Dolma; Shabazian cutting Armenian bread in the traditional way—in wedges.* At right, top: *folding the stuffing onto a grape leaf;* center row, left to right: *dropping the stuffed meat shells, the* Kufta, *into the bubbling broth, the* Kufta *floating to the top of the broth when cooked; presenting the* Berag, *puffed to a fabulous height;* and bottom: *the host placing his* Yalanchi Dolma *in front of his own place at the head of the table before announcing dinner to his guests. At right, Shabazian stuffs* Berag, *layers of phylo, with Monterey Jack cheese mixed with loads of minced parsley.* (*Recipes begin on page 142*)

EUGENE COOK











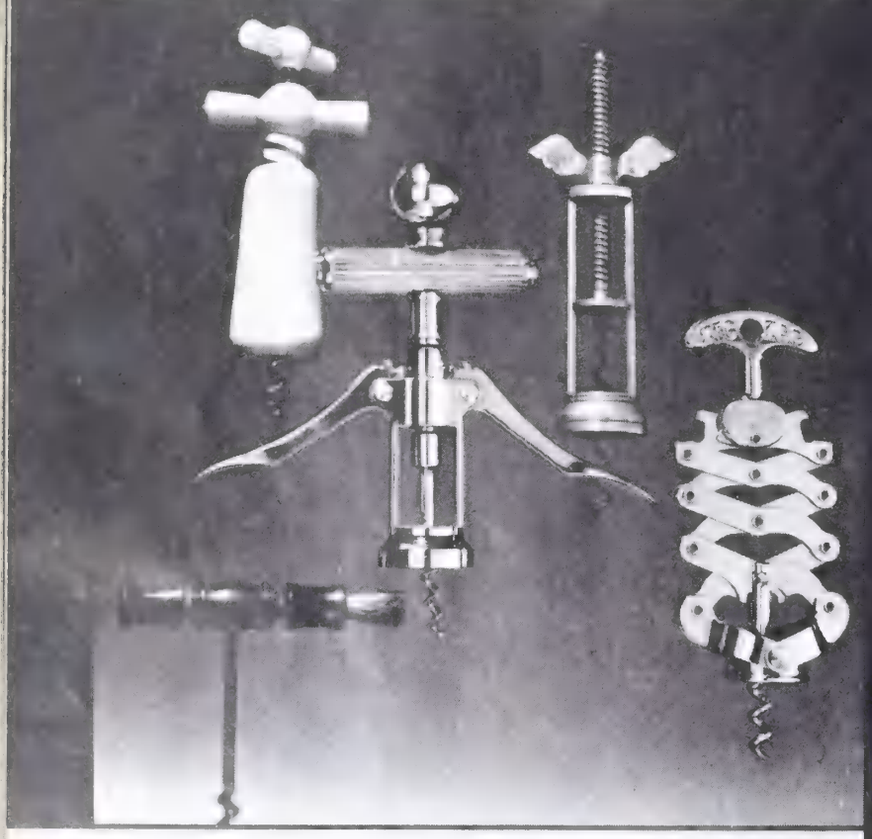


if you're serious ABOUT WINE you must be serious about accessories

By ROBERT JAY MISCH □ Wine, the most ancient beverage known to man (save milk and water), has intrigued the artist and stimulated the inventor over the centuries. On these pages are depicted some of the accoutrements of wine—modern and antique, useful and just curious. They make up only a small selection of the many wine-oriented objects that have grown up around this beverage known as wine since the alchemy of yeast acting on grape sugars produced the first fermentation 10,000 years before Christ.

The ancient Hittites in the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates are credited with the first reference to wine, the Egyptians, Cretans, Greeks and Phoenicians with its dissemination, the Romans with encouraging the growth of the vine in many of its present homes in France, Spain and Italy. And where wine went, there, too, went the aphorae (covered jars made of nonporous terra cotta to keep out air), the bottles and barrels, the closures and stoppers, the vessels, jugs, beakers, carafes, decanters and other paraphernalia of wine-bibbing. Many of the items shown here have been developed









only within the past 200 years—since the onset of the use of corks and the shaping of wine bottles that would lie on their sides (the 17th-century monk Dom Pérignon, of Champagne fame, is credited with being the first to experiment with cork stoppers in place of oiled rags, 18th-century Portuguese wine merchants with actually working out refined shapes for bott But just as the development of the art of cookery broug its train the fork, tureen, rotisserie and all the other c comitants of food, food preparation and food consump so wine has developed its artifacts for bottle-broaching, pouring, drinking, serving and evaluating. Most of these i are readily available—and still fulfill a specific purpose- day; a few of the rarities are from private collections.

All of the corkscrews shown in the upper left photog do the job this implement is intended to do: to remov cork with the least possible disturbance to the wine an least possible strain on the cork-puller. The Early Ame wood-handled tool (*bottom row, left*) takes a little more e



t then it also carries its own brush for cleaning off vintage ttles. Hammacher Schlemmer's winged brass opener in e center has side levers that push down to lift out the cork, d the other two in the top row—a new wood-handled tool d an antique brass one—have a twisting action to help ex- ct the cork. The "Zig Zag" model at bottom right employs ltiple leverage to increase the pulling force. Not shown are other types often used today, the "wine-waiter cork- ew," which uses the lip of the bottle for leverage, and the injection type, often recommended for older wines, whose ks are more inclined to crumble. Whatever type you ose, select one with a bore or screw part at least two hes long (good wines are bottled with long, strong corks). d always cut off the foil covering the cork to well below the of the bottle—before opening, so the foil will not impart taste to the wine—and pull very gently.

The stoppers at bottom left? They're amusing oddities from hard Utilla Antiques. The white trumpeter is not as old as silver-plated cupid, clown and bird, but we can assume t all were someone's answer to broken decanter stoppers.

Glasses, glasses, glasses. There are more wine glasses n anyone can shake that proverbial stick at—and most of m are too small. A glass should never be filled more than f-full, to allow space to savor the aroma. Obviously small, all glasses do not permit this, so if you must have only one all-purpose wine glass, make it a generous eight- or nine-ounce size. With certain exceptions, glasses should be stemmed (to keep hand heat from interfering with the temperature of the wine), clear (to show color and clarity) and tulip-shaped (to concentrate the bouquet). Above is a grouping of my own choices: From left to right, the first two glasses are for Rhine (and Alsatians). The green glass by Wallace Crystal on the left has the traditional colored bowl, made to hide the motes floating in the wine in the days before modern filtration. The Baccarat glass next to it retains the shape but is in clear crystal. The third glass is my ideal glass for sherry or Port, the fourth a generous, beautifully designed white wine glass. The next two, the squatty ones, are perfect for cognacs or other brandies. The stemmed Baccarat "Thistle" glass has a chimney (*Text continued on page 148*)

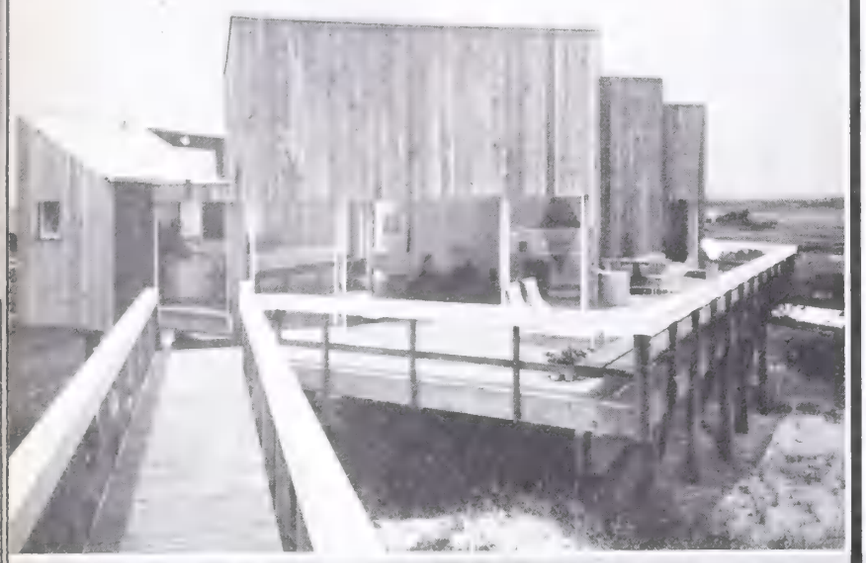
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By SUSAN LEWIN □ Almost everyone would admit that the worst part of summer weekends is getting there. And the hot, sweltering drive in bumper-to-bumper traffic became a design consideration when Architect Stephan Marc Klein designed this Long Island beach house for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Klein. Working in collaboration with associates William Ehrlich, William Cohen and Judy Graf Klein, he made the facade (*below*) superscale to act as a screen between the heat of summer driving and the cool of the ocean. This screen can only be penetrated by actually experiencing the house, but once a visitor has climbed the stairs behind the lower part of the facade and entered the living room (*right*), there is a feeling of total unity with the seascape. Overhead, the roof is punctuated with a series of triangular skylights that, says Mrs. Klein, "make us feel as if we're living open to the sky above." Sliding glass doors make the interior a visual continuation of the large beach deck (*left*), yet because the architects placed the house at a 45-degree angle, it is completely separated from the long row of neighboring houses constructed parallel to the road. And for interior privacy, the house is built as three boxlike entities—setting off the living/dining space from the guest bedrooms and the private master suite.

TO LET IN SUN

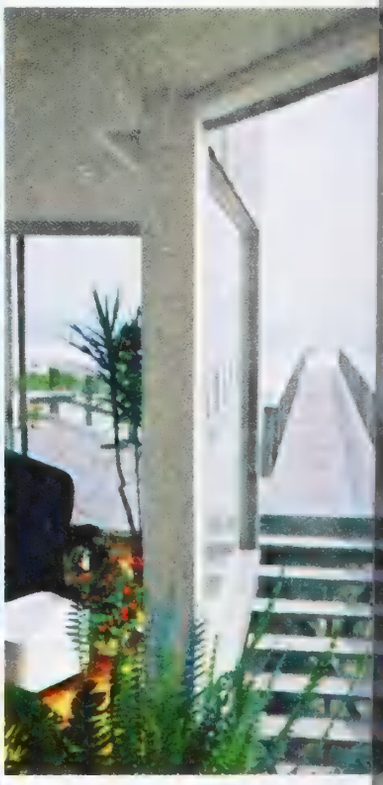
they built a three-part house that captures the sky above and the sea all around



"We find this a perennially exciting house because of the relationship it has to the outdoors," says Mrs. Klein. Although it is on a narrow strip of land between the ocean and the bay, it affords sweeping views of both because the Westhampton town building code requires that houses this close to the ocean be set up on piles. "The site is not that large, yet we never feel the presence of the other houses close by," adds Mrs. Klein, "and because the windows are placed at interesting angles, we can see the expanse of the dunes or the boats in the bay without looking into a neighbor's house." The careful positioning of the skylights allows the room to be flooded with late afternoon sun in midsummer. In the evening, Lumiline lights delineate the skylights, adding to the architectural excitement. The beanbag chairs and the Italian blue foam furniture, designed by Sebastian Matta, were selected by the architects because these pieces are so flexible. The freedom of form fits right into the casual style of life at the beach, and because they are lightweight, rearrangement is an easy matter. As is shown here, the furniture is set on the geometry of the adjacent space rather than the space it is in, to create a design tension, the brilliant blue, red and yellow colorings standing out graphically against the white walls. The Kleins entertain a lot but here, too, prefer informality—so the architects gave them an open kitchen (*below far left*) that is efficient and workable yet fully participates in the social life of the house.









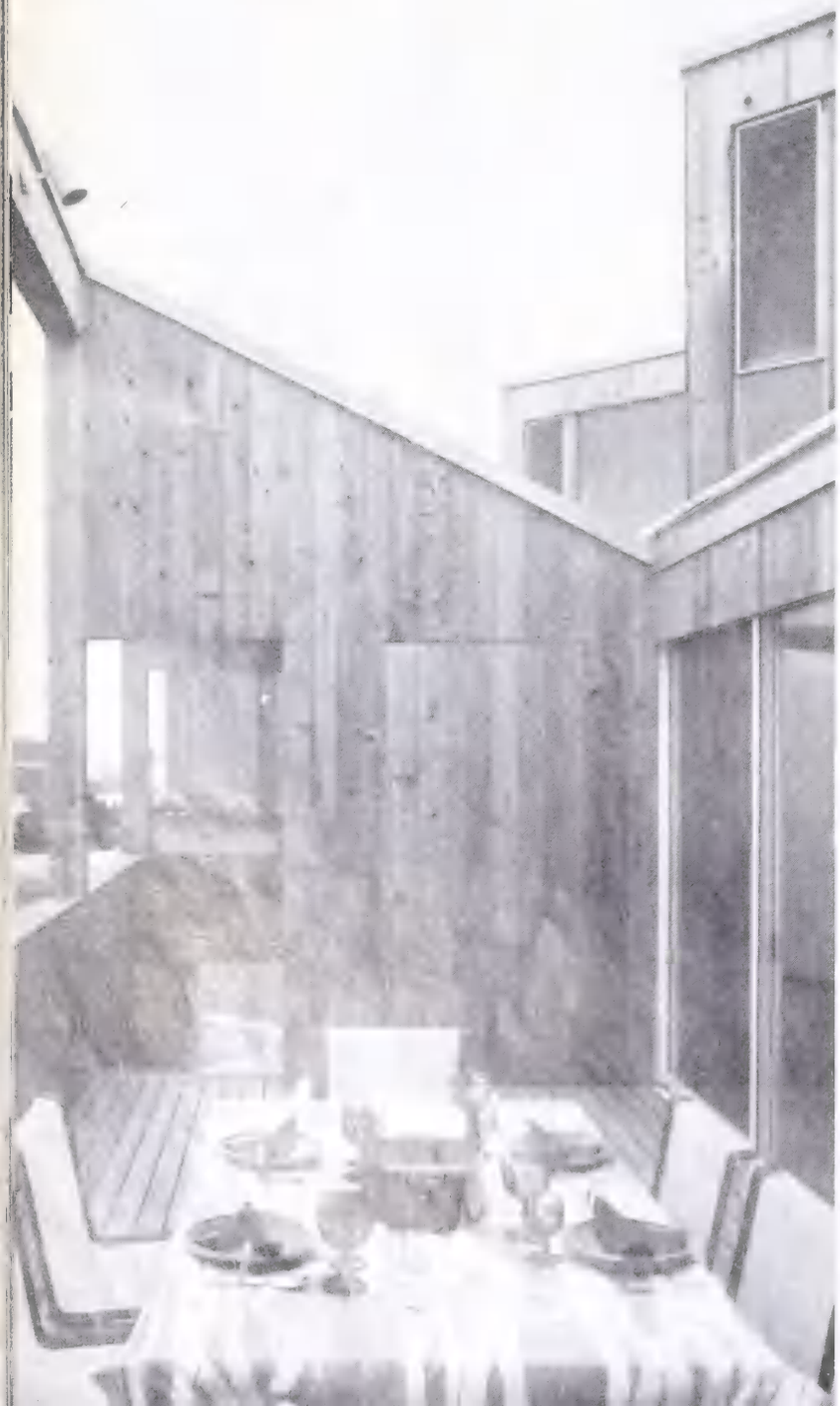
omnipresent in these free-form furnishings: a casual mode of life by the sea

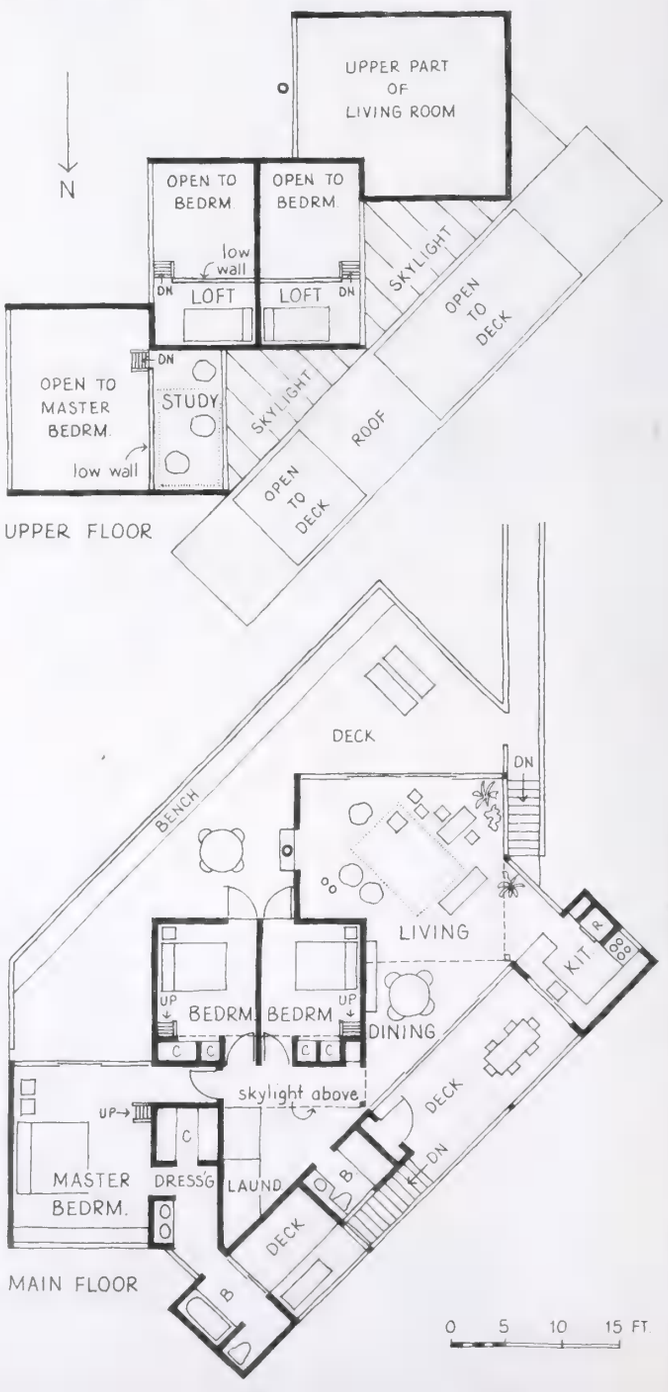


Worked in maintenance-free cedar siding that will weather to a soft silvery color, this house—which received a certificate of merit from the New York State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects—was designed to be everything the Kalman Kleins wanted from a beach house . . . and more. An indication of just how in tune the architects were to the Kleins' many moods is a great variety of dining places that have been provided. On the bay side of the house, there is a sheltered area for either breakfast or dinner under the summer sky (*below*). This is an especially convenient place for a meal because a conveniently sized window located just to the rear of the table functions as a handy serving pass-through to and from the kitchen. For the Kleins' more formal dining or for fall and winter weekend visits to the beach, the interior dining room is colorfully set apart from the living room by bright red lacquered wood chairs and a series of Andy Warhol soup can lithographs. Out on the expansive beach deck, there is still another table with comfortable chairs for sandwich snacks or early evening cocktails. With this variety of outdoor spaces, one can either catch the sun or avoid it. Bright colors and graphics are used outside as well as indoors. The brilliant orange-and-white fabric on the table below was designed by Gretl and Leo Wollner for Knoll International. Although the Kleins instructed the architects to provide two guest bedrooms, the architects went one step further. In addition to the guest bedrooms, they gave the Kleins lots of privacy from their guests as well. As the plan indicates, the house is basically three identical boxes plugged into a long diagonal block that functions as a service core (all the bathrooms and the kitchen, as well as stairs, are in this core). Because of the positioning of the three boxy volumes, alcoves for privacy are created wherever two boxes meet. As the beach elevation shows (*preceding page*), a private area has been created off the master bedroom for sunbathing. Each bedroom has been provided with a loft space, giving both guests and the owners small but completely private living areas where they can curl up with a novel on a rainy day or even paint or sculpt—as the Kleins do. By adding these lofts, the team of architects added extra height to all the living spaces, a natural air-conditioning treatment that also keeps the house cool. Since heat rises, all the clerestory windows were made operable, allowing the warm air to escape easily.

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in a many-sided house, there are many dining spaces— all sheltered from the ocean winds





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Pages 122-123—Remodeled bedroom and bath

Stainless steel sink in bathroom, ELKAY. Porcelain sink and fittings in bathroom and bedroom, BORG-WARNER CORP. Spotlights, lights behind valances and make-up lights, LIGHTOLIER.* Carpet, F. SCHUMACHER.* Cube tables, GLASPEC INC. Floor and wall tiles in bathroom, AMERICAN OLEAN TILE CO. Plastic laminate counters, FORMICA. Portable eight-track stereo tape player, WELTRON CO. INC. Suedecloth needlecraft sack, THE DESIGNERY, 3530 Henry Hudson Parkway, Riverdale, N.Y. 10463. Antique quilt from Grassy Creek Collection by Gayle Winston, GAYLE WINSTON, Grassy Creek, N.C.

Pages 125-129— Designers' rooms

All listed merchandise available from Sears Roebuck & Co., P.O. Box 11787, Chicago 60611.
Pages 124-125: Builder, Orrin Dressler Inc., DuPage County, Ill. "Restique" ottoman, $50 and "Champagne" three-piece "U" sectional, $1,100, both in cranberry "Bandana" cover; "Carter Hall" étagère, $110; "Tesoro" lamp table, $90; "Kashmir" fabric, $5 per yard. Amtico "Kaleidoscope" tiles $2.50 each; chrome floor lamps, $62 each; iced tea glasses, set of four, $5; "Olympic" posters, $40 each; Italian ceramic planters, set of three, $22; country ceramic pitcher and bowl, $12 set; chrome ceramic candlestick, $11; glass lighters, $3.50 each; unpatterned mirror tiles, box of 12, $8; museum statuary, $30; ceramic leopard, $70; Oriental figure, $15; "Old World" globe, $13; globe, $25. Exclusive distributers of Olympic graphics in U.S., KENNEDY GALLERIES, 20 E. 56th St., N.Y.C.
Pages 126-127: Builder, Malec & Co., Deer Creek, Downers Grove, Ill. "Deerpath" side chair, $74, armchair (in fabric shown), $84, and hunt sideboard, $200; "Elegance" velvet, $11 per yard; ready-to-finish round table, $50; "Art Fair" Parsons table shown in black, 24 inches long, $30; "Bright Note" carpeting, shown in "Wallace Plaid," $11 per square yard; folding screens, $27 each; "Decor à la Carte" vinyl in ebony, $5 per yard; "Flame" apothecary jar, set of four, $20; "Octagon" dinnerware, set of 53 pieces (service for eight), $53.50; dishcloths, 50 cents each; wicker stack tables, set of three, $25; "Europa" goblets and glasses, $7 per set of four glasses; "Coddington" flatware, service for eight, $10. Juvenile Boston rocker, $14.25; framed batik, $40; gold temple jar lamp, $30; brass bookstand, $25; brass bowls, $13 (small size) and $20; brass cricket box, $12; globes, $10, $18 and $25; Boston rocker, $27.45; "Champagne" 60-inch armless sofa in "Glencoe/Royal Stewart" cover, $270; "Art Fair" cubes, yellow, $15 each; folding screen, $27; museum statue, $25; "Emperor" pillows, $4 each.
Pages 128-129: Builder, Centex Homes Corp., Winston Woods, Bolingbrook, Ill. "Deerpath" double-pedestal desk, $400, cross-base table, $249, single-dresser-base, $110, and bookcase hutch, $80; ready-to-finish ladderback chairs, $22 and $30; wing chair, $180 as shown; "Croyden" fabric, $9 per yard; "Coronet" window blinds, 37½ by 60 inches, $30; "Match Mates" carpeting shown in Truly Orange, Autumn Orange, Brown and Russet, $9 per square yard; "Dreamplace" convertible sofa in "Salerno" cover, $350; ceramic tureen, $12; brass bookstand, $25; brass candlesticks, $25 pair; floor lamp, $30; "English Chippendale" dinnerware, service for eight, 45 pieces, $45; "Gypsy Stripe" fabric, $3.50 per yard; brass café rods, $15; wicker chest, $55; wicker stand, set of three, $25; wicker tray, set of three, $4; milk-can lamp, $40; glass ashtray on table, $4.50; glass ashtray on wicker trunk, $3.50; brass pot, $25; brass bowls, $13; open dish, $7; country wood benches, $13; country wood candy dish, $6. Vinyl asbestos parquet tile, 39 cents; "Moonrock" dinnerware, 20-piece set, $24; brass lotus bowl, $20; "Flaxon" fabric, $5 per yard; milk glass salt and pepper shaker, $6; country ceramic pitcher, $12; country ceramic tureens, $12 and $25; milk glass rooster, $6, hen, $3, and chick, $2; "Calm" poster, $40; cast iron cookware, 11 pieces, $61.

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Corkscrews—top row: Wooden double-handle style, $2.25, THE POTTERY BARN, 231 10th Ave., N.Y.C. 10011. Brass winged style, $12.50, HAMMACHER SCHLEMMER, 147 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Antique brass screw style, collection of Robert Jay Misch.
Bottom row: Antique wooden corkscrew with brush from Misch collection. "Zig Zag" corkscrew, $5.95, available at HAMMACHER SCHLEMMER.
Stoppers—left to right: Cupid, $16; clown, $28; trumpeter, $8; bird, $12, all from RICHARD UTILLA ANTIQUES, Shop 65, Antiques Center Of America, 415 E. 53rd St., N.Y.C. 10022.
Rinsers: Antique wine rinsers both from Misch collection.
Wine sips—from the top: Antique silver wine sip from private collection of Millicent Zahn. Antique silver wine sip and key on chain of Victor Pupin, the sommelier at BRUSSELS RESTAURANT, 115 E. 54th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Louis XV silver wine sip with shell-motif handle, c. 1750, $775, JAMES ROBINSON INC., 12 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022.
Strainer: Antique, silver Regency wine strainer, Misch collection.
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Coasters—left to right: Large Georgian Sheffield coaster, c. 1810, set of two, $250, JAMES ROBINSON INC. Square cut crystal decanter, $75, TIFFANY & CO., Fifth Avenue at 57th Street, N.Y.C. 10022. Plexiglas coaster designed by Millicent Zahn (to be available in September), $20, and tall silver-plated coaster, $22.50; both from BERGDORF GOODMAN, Fifth Avenue at 57th Street, N.Y.C. 10022 (add $1 per item postage on mail orders). Antique silver coaster, from Misch.

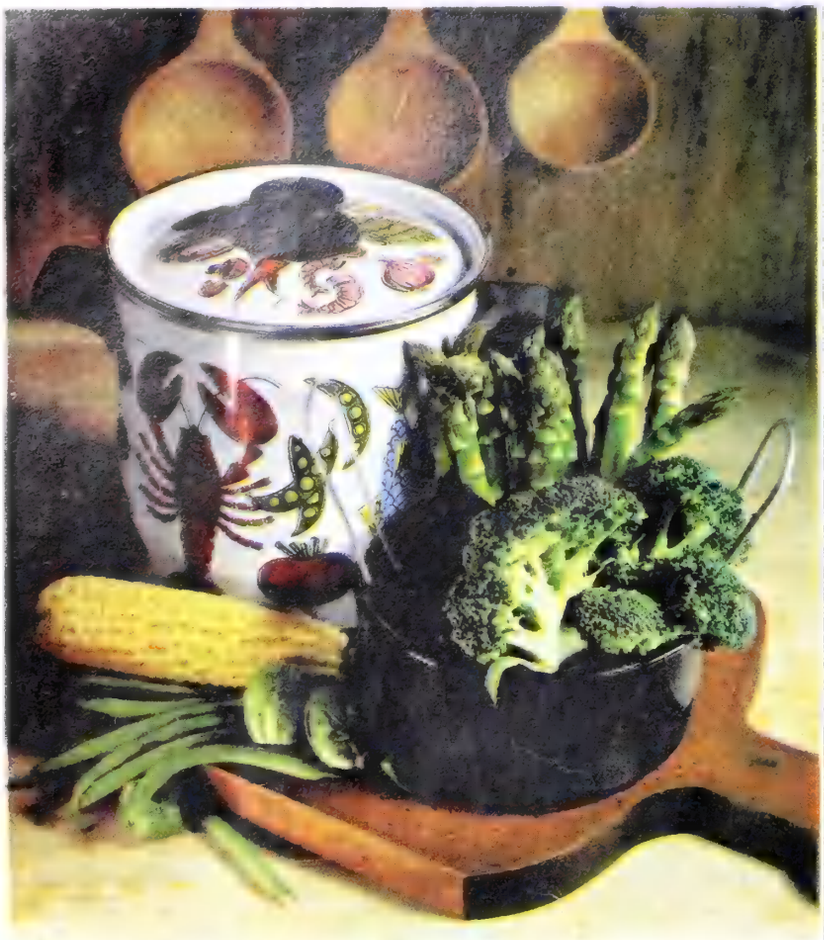
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Coolers—left to right: Aluminum cooler, $6.50, THE POTTERY BARN. Georgian Sheffield gilt cooler, c. 1815, $850, JAMES ROBINSON INC. Couple's glass wine cooler, $6.50 (includes two individual decanters), by mail, from The Kenton Collection, 4435 Simonton, Dallas, Texas 75240 (add $1.25 postage) or available at GEORG JENSEN, 601 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.

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MENU 1

Berag

(Cheese-filled pastry)

10 sheets phylo pastry*
1½ pounds Monterey Jack cheese
1 cup parsley leaves, loosely packed, minced
½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter

Grate the cheese, mix with the parsley and refrigerate the mixture. Melt the butter.

Butter a 13 by 9 by 2½-inch baking pan. Place 1 sheet of pastry in the pan, allowing it to hang over the edges. With a large pastry brush, brush the pastry completely and quickly with melted butter. Add 4 more sheets, being sure to butter each one thoroughly.

With your hands, lift the cheese mixture to the pan, spreading it evenly over the pastry. Add the remaining 5 sheets of pastry, buttering each one. When all the pastry has been added, fo'd over the edges. With a sharp knife, make several slits in the pastry.

Place in a preheated 400° oven and bake for 45 minutes or until the pastry has puffed and is golden.

*The point to remember when using phylo (also spelled phyllo and filo) is that you must work very fast because it dries out while you look at it. Phylo is available in stores specializing in Middle Eastern foods.

Kufta

(Meat-stuffed Meat Balls)

Stuffing:

1 pound lamb, ground, with about 2 ounces of lamb fat
4 medium yellow onions, peeled and chopped fine
¼ cup finely chopped green pepper
¼ cup parsley sprigs, loosely packed, chopped fine
3 or 4 leaves fresh mint, minced, or a pinch of dried mint
1 teaspoon salt
Several twists of the peppermill

Make the stuffing a day ahead and refrigerate. This long chilling makes it easier to handle.

Place the lamb in a heavy skillet and cook—do not add any fat—over moderate heat, stirring occasionally. When thoroughly cooked, stir in the onions and cook over low heat for 25 minutes. Next, stir in the



green pepper, parsley and mint and cook another 10 minutes. Stir in salt and pepper to taste and cook five minutes longer. Refrigerate until cold.

Shape into balls the size of a walnut (about 1 teaspoon per ball) and refrigerate overnight.

Outside Shell:

1 pound very lean lamb, cut from the leg and ground twice
1 cup very fine bulgar
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
4 cups boiling beef broth*

Combine all ingredients except broth, knead like bread, adding a few drops of water as you go along. Knead for about 20 minutes or until the mixture is very smooth and pliable.

To complete the Kufta: Have at hand a bowl of cold water in which to dip your hands. This helps to keep the meat from sticking. Take about 2 teaspoons of the mixture and shape into a ball. Then, using your thumb, make a dent in the center of the ball and press all around the inside to open it sufficiently to hold one of the litt'e meat balls like a shell.

As you finish each shell, place one of the small balls in it and bring the edges together. Then, with wet finger tips, smooth the surface. It is absolutely essential for the Kufta to be completely and securely closed; otherwise, it will burst and the stuffing will come out in cooking. Place between the palms of your hands and press gently to flatten slightly.

Drop the meat balls into boiling beef broth and cook for 10 minutes or until the Kufta rise to the surface. Carefully lift from the broth with a slotted spoon so as not to puncture the surface.

Serve immediately with pilaf. Makes 24 meatballs or enough to serve six to eight.

*Beef broth can be made at home by simmering 2 or 3 pounds of lean beef bones in 4 to 5 cups water, seasoned with salt and pepper, and 1 tablespoon lemon juice for about 2 hours. Or you can use canned beef broth diluted with water.

Prinzov Pilaf
(Rice and Noodles)

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
¼ cup extra fine noodles
1 cup long grain rice
½ cup (1 stick) butter, cut up
2 cups chicken broth, boiling
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Pour the oil into a heavy saucepan. Add the noodles and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until the noodles are golden brown. Add the rice, butter, bubbling chicken broth and salt and pepper to taste. Stir until the butter has melted.

Cover and place in a preheated 250° oven for about 35 minutes or until all the liquid has been absorbed. Take from the oven, place a couple of paper towels between the cover and the saucepan and allow the pilaf to sit for about 15 minutes before serving. Serves six.

Patlijan
(Baked Eggplant)

2 medium eggplants
Salt
½ cup olive oil
2 medium green peppers, ribs and seeds removed, sliced ¼ inch thick
3 tomatoes, peeled and sliced
1 small yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
1 cup parsley leaves, loosely packed, minced
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
Several twists of the peppermill
¾ cup tomato sauce

Peel the eggplants and slice one inch thick. Place in a bowl, sprinkle with salt and allow to stand 30 minutes. Wash off the salt and dry each slice between paper towels. Heat the olive oil in a heavy skillet. Add the eggplant slices—do not crowd the pan—and sauté until golden on both sides. Lift from the pan to paper towels as they are cooked. When all the eggplant is cooked, add the green peppers and sauté until almost soft.

Arrange slices of the eggplant in the bottom of an eight-inch-square baking dish that can go to the table. Add a layer of tomatoes, then half the onion and next half the green pepper; then sprinkle with half the parsley and half the garlic, salt and pepper. Repeat the layers. Pour the tomato sauce over all and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 50 to 60 minutes. Makes six servings.

Shakar-Ishi
(Butter Cookies)

1 cup (2 sticks) sweet butter
1 cup superfine sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
Confectioners' sugar

Cream the butter by hand or with an electric beater until light and fluffy. Gradually add the sugar, working it in until the mixture is very creamy.

Work the flour, a small amount at a time, into the butter



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mixture. When all the flour has been added, shape the dough into a ball. Then place on a board and knead for three or four minutes or until the dough is soft and flexible.

To make the cookies, pinch off a small amount of the dough and roll into a ball about the size of a walnut. Then shape into oblongs. They'll be a little better than two inches long.

Place on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake in a preheated 325° oven for 12 to 15 minutes. Take care not to overbake. The cookies should be white on top and just beginning to take on a little color on the bottom. If overbaked, they become hard.

Cool slightly, then lift with a spatula to cake racks and sprinkle lightly with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 36 cookies.

MENU 2

Yalanchi Dolma
(Cold Stuffed Grape Leaves)

¾ cups vegetable oil
3 large yellow onions, peeled and minced
1 cup long grain rice
½ cup (half of an eight-ounce can) tomato sauce
1½ cups parsley leaves, loosely packed, minced
2 teaspoons salt
Several twists of the peppermill
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
½ teaspoon allspice
1 16-ounce bottle grape leaves*

Heat the vegetable oil in a heavy skillet over moderate heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until golden (about six to seven minutes). Take care not to burn. Stir in the rice, tomato sauce and *1½ cups of cold water*. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook slowly until all the water has been absorbed. Take off the heat and stir in all remaining ingredients except the grape leaves. Refrigerate.

Rinse the grape leaves under cool running water to wash off the brine, then dry thoroughly between paper towels. To stuff each grape leaf, place flat on your work surface, underside or rib-side down. Add 1 teaspoon of the rice filling. Bring both ends up to the center, then fold in both sides.

As you finish each Yalanchi, arrange in a two-quart soufflé dish (or its equivalent), folded side down. Add 2 cups of very hot water from the tap. Since the stuffed leaves must be weighted down, here you will have to use your ingenuity. The most practical way is to use a pan or plate that will fit into the dish and fill it with heavy objects (Shabazian says his mother uses rocks).

Cook in a preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes. Refrigerate, still weighted, until well-chilled. Drain off the remaining liquid, if any. To serve, arrange the Yalanchi on a suitable dish and garnish with a bouquet of parsley and wedges of lemon. Makes around 60 or 70, and since they are perfectly delicious with cocktails or as an hors d'oeuvre, it's almost impossible to have too many.

*The grape leaves, vary in size and some will be broken or too small. Discard those.

Tanabour
(Yogurt Soup)

1 tablespoon butter
¼ of a small yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
4 cups chicken broth (your own or canned condensed)
¼ cup medium pearl barley
2 cups plain yogurt
1 egg
8 to 10 parsley leaves, chopped fine
¾ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground white pepper
3 or 4 mint leaves, minced, or ½ teaspoon dried

Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan. Add the onion and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until the onion is golden. Take care not to burn. Add the chicken broth and barley. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes until barley is tender.

Beat the yogurt and egg together with a rotary or electric beater. Thoroughly stir into the soup. Simmer, stirring constantly, for about five minutes. Do not allow it to boil or the soup may curdle. Stir in the parsley, salt, pepper, mint. Serve hot in heated soup cups or plates. Serves six.

Kouzou Kzartma
(Baked Lamb Shanks)

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
6 lamb shanks
3 tablespoons butter
3 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin
1 can (eight-ounce size) tomato sauce
3 medium ripe tomatoes, quartered
½ cup dry red wine
1½ teaspoons salt
Several twists of the peppermill
1 teaspoon paprika
About 8 parsley sprigs, minced
6 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered

Pour the oil into a large roasting pan. Arrange the shanks on top and roast, uncovered, in a preheated 350° oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until the shanks are brown on all sides.

Meanwhile, heat the butter in a heavy skillet. Add the onions and sauté until golden, stirring occasionally. Pour over the shanks. Then add the tomato sauce, tomatoes, wine and *½ cup of water*. Sprinkle with the salt, pepper, paprika and parsley. Cover tightly. If the pan does not have its own cover, seal with double-duty foil. Increase oven temperature to 375° and cook another 30 minutes. At this point, turn the meat and roast another 30 minutes. Add the potatoes, turning them over in the pan juices, and continue roasting 30 minutes longer—a total of two hours.

Arrange the shanks on a large heated serving platter, surrounded by the potatoes. Spoon some of the pan juices over all and serve the remainder in a heated sauceboat. Serves six.

Kabak
(Baked Zucchini)

2 pounds medium zucchini
2 eggs, lightly beaten
⅓ cup bread crumbs
⅓ cup grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup vegetable oil
½ medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
10 to 12 parsley leaves, minced
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Dash of thyme
Plain yogurt

Wash the zucchini and trim off the ends. Drop into boiling salted water and boil for five to eight minutes. Drain and cool under cold running water. Cut the zucchini in half, lengthwise. With a spoon scrape out the pulp and place in a bowl. Using a fork, mash the pulp, then stir in the beaten eggs. Add all remaining ingredients and then mix them all together thoroughly with your hands.

Fill the zucchini shells with the mixture and place in a shallow baking dish. Sprinkle lightly with more freshly ground pepper. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 30 minutes. Serve with plain yogurt. Serves six.

Paklava

The Greek spelling for this incredibly delicious sweet is Baklava and, unlike the Armenians, the Greeks stud each Baklava with whole cloves before baking.

1½ pounds shelled walnuts
½ cup superfine sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups (6 sticks) sweet butter
1½ pounds phylo leaves
Syrup*

Combine the nuts, sugar and cinnamon. Set aside. Brush a 10 by 12 by 2-inch baking pan well with butter. Take approximately half the phylo pastry. Lay one leaf at a time in the pan, then, using a pastry brush, butter generously. When half the leaves have been used, spread the nut mixture over the pastry. Now add the remaining phylo, buttering each one well.

Using a sharp knife, trim all the edges neatly. Again, with an extremely sharp knife, carefully cut the Paklava into the traditional diamond shapes. They should be about 1½ inches long. Cover with a sheet of waxed paper and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 300° and bake another 30 minutes. Remove the waxed paper and continue baking 30 minutes, for a total of 1½ hours. When the Paklava is baked, place the pan on a rack and allow it to cool. When cold, pour the following strained, cooled syrup over all.

*Combine 3 cups sugar, 2 cups of water, 1 teaspoon of strained lemon juice, the rind of a small orange, 1 cinnamon stick and 3 whole cloves in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook until it thickens (about 40 minutes). Cool and strain before pouring syrup on the pastry. ■

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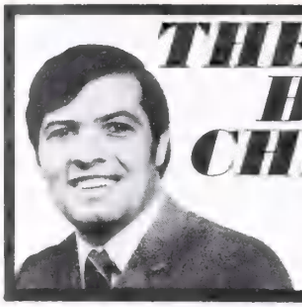
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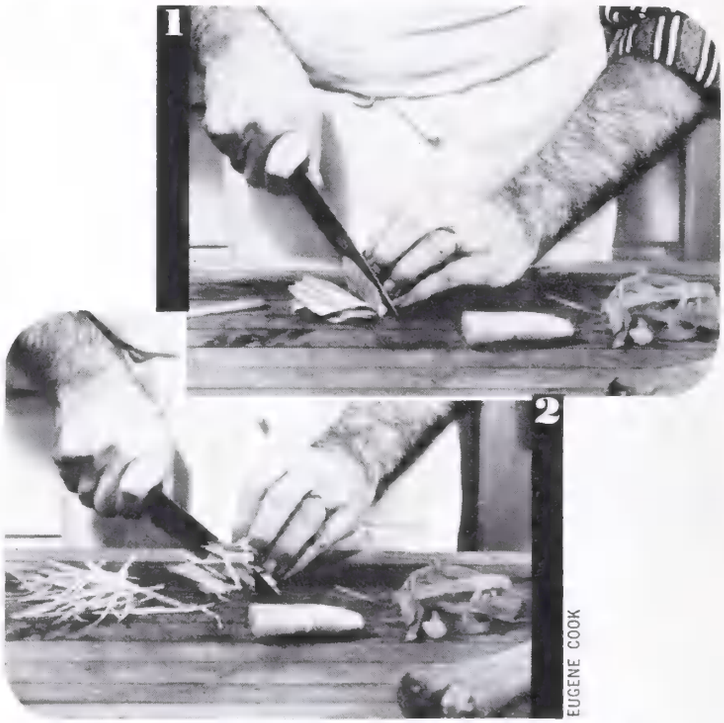


THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

How to cut, slice, mince and dice

By Jacques Pépin

An apprentice chef cannot "graduate to the stove" until he has mastered these basic techniques for correctly chopping, slicing, mincing and dicing vegetables. Perfectly and properly prepared vegetables not only have an attractive texture, but add a good "bite" and taste to the finished dish. Obviously, practice is of the very essence, but you cannot achieve excellence without good knives. The perfect knife for these purposes is a very sharp, thin-bladed carbon steel knife, approximately six to eight inches long. Knives should be sharpened professionally once or twice a year. In the interim, each time they are used they should be given a good edge with either a "steel" or carborundum sharpener. Always wash and dry your knives immediately after they have been used.

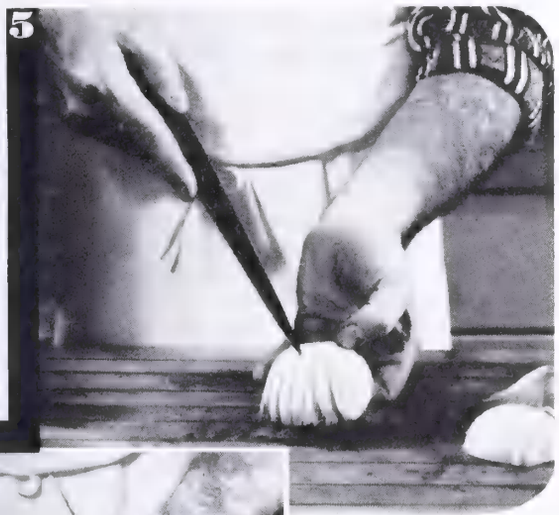


1. *To slice carrots: Peel. If very long, cut in half. Slice a thin strip off one side so the carrot will lie flat. With your finger tips tucked under (so you won't chop them), slice the carrot lengthwise by sliding the blade directly against your fingers.* **2.** *To julienne and dice carrots: Pile two or three slices on top of each other. Using the same technique, cut into very thin strips. To dice, gather a handful of the julienne into a little bundle and cut crosswise, making a* brunoise *(that is, small dice).* **3.** *To slice potatoes four ways: Peel. Slice a thin strip off one side so the potato will "sit" firmly. With fingers tucked under, slice across top to the thickness desired (⅛*





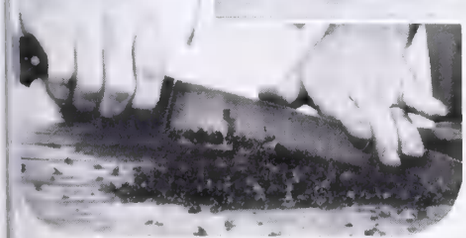
inch for Potatoes Dauphinois, for example). **4.** *For straw potatoes, slice very thin, then cut into strips (see julienne instructions); for matchstick, cut into ¼-inch strips; for Pont Neuf, cut into one-inch strips. Straw, matchstick and Pont Neuf are all deep-fat (or French) fried.* **5.** *To mince onions: Cut the onion in half through the root. Peel, leaving the root end on. Lay one half, cut-side down, root end to your left. Then, cut vertical slices from one end to the other—*





up to, but not through, the root end. **6.** *Holding the knife flat, cut three to four horizontal slices from top to bottom up to the root end. Finally, cut across the onion. Again, up to the root end. In the event the dice is not fine enough, then chop as shown in parsley* (below). **7.** *To chop parsley: Here you need a big, heavy knife, with a 10- or 12-inch blade. Cut off the stems and set aside to use in stock, sauces or stews. Gather the parsley sprigs into a tight ball. Pressing hard on the ball, slice the bunch across.* **8.** *Holding the handle firmly in*





one hand, the other hand relaxed on top of the blade, chop with rapid up-and-down motions, back and forth, pulling the pieces into a heap. Continue until finely minced.

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WINE

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for sniffing; the other, from Littala, is just a round, thin eggshell, without stem, for instantaneous warming in the palm of the hand. The next two, the so-called flutes, are for Champagne. They conserve the bubbles and focus the bouquet and, I think, should relegate to oblivion the old-fashioned wide-bowled Champagne glasses, which slop over and hold so little. The final glass is one of the most famous in the world, the "Pavillon" glass, also called the Soulé glass after the proprietor of that reknowned restaurant. It is for important red wines. To use it for *vin ordinaire* would seem pretentious.

The panel on the right on page 132 shows three photographs of wine artifacts rarely used today. At top are two wine rinsers, one in the deep blue of Early American glassmakers and the other in clear crystal. These containers were filled with water and set on the table at each place, so the glass could be rinsed between wines. ***The wine sips*** shown in the next photograph were traditionally made of silver because in a dark cellar, silver showed the wine's color to better advantage than any other material. They are to hold a small amount of wine for the host or sommelier to test before serving. The one at top has the often-seen fluted interior, the one at bottom a plain interior. In the center is a sommelier's chain bearing both his wine sip, or *tastevin*, and the traditional key to the cellar—the key these days is purely symbolic, and, all too often, so is the sip. This set dates from 1806 and is worn by Victor Pupin, one of the most widely respected wine stewards in the country. As sommelier at Manhattan's Brussels restaurant, he has built an outstanding cellar that the restaurant's new owner, Albert Giambelli, has called an "exciting and exhilarating legacy."

The funnel-shaped object in the bottom photograph is an antique silver wine strainer. In the days of older bottles and less than perfect vinification and filtration, red wines often "threw a deposit." To decant the clear wine off its "lees," as the sediment is called, with as little disturbance as possible to the wine, the bottle was opened very carefully and the contents poured into the decanter or carafe through the strainer. The strainer set in the bowl restrained the sediment, should some fall from the bottom of the bottle, while the spout was turned toward the side of the decanter so wine would run gently along the side of the vessel and not splash down. ***Decanters come*** in all shapes, sizes, colors and capacities. Although more frequently used in the past, when all wine required decanting, they still make a pleasing, attractive sight. Our grouping here includes two of the traditional flat-based "ship's decanters" from Altman's, one in cut crystal by Waterford and one in clear crystal by Orrefors; a square Williamsburg reproduction from Royal Deerdham, a tall conical-shaped decanter by Galway Crystal, from Bloomingdale's, and a big glass jug, by Blenko, for home winemakers.

If you wish to decant wine (white wine almost never needs decanting), first set the bottle upright for at least two hours (and preferably a day) to let any sediment settle. Carefully peel off the foil, then uncork the bottle and then clean both the inside and the rim of the neck. Stand with a light or white background behind the bottle (so you can see any sediment), hold the bottle label side up and pour slowly, but in a steady stream, into the decanter.

Below the decanters is a group of wine coasters. While not strictly a must, a wine coaster is a useful receptacle for the bottle after serving, especially if it is left on the table after pouring. This interesting selection shows the variety: two antique low, round coasters, the large one, holding the Tiffany decanter, is one of a set in this size at James Robinson Inc.; a tall, contemporary silver-plated one, and a new design in Plexiglas by Millicent Zahn that will be available from Bergdorf Goodman this fall.

What is there to say about coolers and holders? Wine holders, seen at lower right on page 133, are, like decanters, used for holding wine between pourings. These two examples are a modern Plexiglas holder from Lucidity and a Victorian silver-plated holder from James Robinson. Coolers are for chilling white and sparkling wines. The grouping in our inset photograph includes a glass cooler-for-two from Georg Jensen, an aluminum cooler from the Pottery Barn and a traditionally footed Sheffield gilt cooler from James Robinson. Choose a cooler that is tall enough to chill all of the wine in the bottle (or remember to turn the wine, if necessary) and never overchill —that's a sure way to deaden the taste of a fine white wine. ■

FOOD & DRINK

NOBODY EVER TELLS YOU THESE THINGS

By HELEN McCULLY

What is crème fraîche?

Also known as *crème double*, it is cream that has been allowed to mature, with a natural fermentation taking place that thickens the cream and gives it a slightly nutty flavor. According to *Larousse Gastronomique*, double cream is obtained by a separating machine and is not to be confused with clotted or Devonshire cream (used in England), made by heating whole milk until a layer of cream has risen to the top. The cooked, thickened cream, like *crème fraîche*, is served with fruits or desserts. A very good facsimile of *crème fraîche* can be made by combining 1 cup heavy cream, beaten until it holds a slight shape, with ½ cup commercial sour cream. It is well to note that this combination cannot, as is true of *crème fraîche*, be used in cooked dishes.

How many calories in a cantaloupe?

Half of a medium-size cantaloupe contains about 60 calories and, note this, enough vitamins A and C to supply more than the daily recommended amount. Cantaloupes are in season in June, July, August and September.

What is Sauce Echalotte?

A mixture of wine vinegar, or wine, with minced shallots and freshly ground white pepper (no salt). It is sometimes served with oysters on the half shell—notably, at Madame Poulard's famous restaurant on Mont-Saint-Michel.

What is black caraway?

Chernushka, a Russian caraway seed that's as black as the inside of your hat. As is true of the more familiar brownish-beige caraway, which is raised in the Netherlands, the black caraway seeds are used for seasoning.

What are tart prunes?

A type of prune commonly grown in Oregon that is tarter and not as sweet as the French prunes grown in California. Tart prunes are used for commercial canning but they can also be found in the fresh market.

Is vanilla flavored ice cream the same as vanilla ice cream?

Positively not! By a federal labeling law, passed in 1969, ice cream (and frozen desserts) must be made with 100% pure vanilla (either extract or beans) to be labeled Vanilla Ice Cream. Note, ice cream packages do not have to carry an ingredient list but the mere fact that it is called vanilla ice cream is your assurance that it's made with pure vanilla. If, on the other hand, the label says vanilla-flavored, it means that artificial vanilla has been added and the label must read "artificially flavored vanilla ice cream." While ice cream labeling is regulated by law, other vanilla products are not so protected; thus, vanilla cookies, vanilla puddings, vanilla cakes may not really have any vanilla in them at all. You can probably tell by taste.

What substitutes do manufacturers use for pure vanilla?

Vanillin or ethyl vanillin. Vanillin is prepared from sulphite liquor, a by-product of pulp paper manufacturing, and ethyl vanillin, a coal tar derivative.

When are sweet Spanish onions in season?

September through March. A sensational onion in size (it can weigh up to one pound and averages about ½ pound), juicy and sweet, it has been tagged the gentle giant. As is true of all onions, Spanish onions should be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated spot but not refrigerated unless cut. If cut, and covered with Saran wrap, Spanish onions can be refrigerated as long as three weeks. They can be served in innumerable ways: raw, sliced in salads, stuffed with a hearty filling and baked as a main course, turned into a splendid onion soup, made into a cheese-and-onion pie (Quiche aux Oignons), used as a sandwich filling and, of course, made into relishes, too.■

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The price is right

—and garage sales can be such fun

By LILLI BOWLES □ I love to shop. This is essential in a rummage addict because you do a lot of looking for the great buys that you occasionally come up with. And if you had to count all the hours of time you spent going to sales that turn out to be no good, you would know you don't do it for profit. But we have owned some very interesting things that we never would have bought new—some of them we didn't even know existed until we happened to see them at a garage sale.

For example, I bought a comfortable, high-back leather-upholstered rocking chair for $2.50 that is a favorite of the family—I have seen similar ones for $50 and up in second-hand stores. And our $10 double-width chaise longue was quite a conversation piece—we called it our giant catcher's mitt. After owning it three years, we sold it for the same price at a garage sale we had.

Whether or not you can afford to buy these things new doesn't matter—but it wouldn't be nearly as much fun. A purchase you're really delighted with usually will not be in the necessity category anyway.

A nonrummager simply doesn't understand how good it makes you feel to have found something really fantastic. I am always happy to tell anyone who admires my favorite German-style peasant dress that I love it, too—and paid only a quarter for it at a rummage sale we found five years ago.

A rummage sale is a good place to buy dress-up clothing or future Halloween costumes for the children—especially when the sale is almost over and things are being sold by the bagful. At such a last-minute time, I once bought a huge box full of all kinds of hats for 15 cents. I was a Brownie Girl Scout Leader at the time, and at our next Brownie meeting, the girls had a grand time playing fashion show.

Of course, not every garage sale tale is so happy. At one very crowded church sale, a woman set down her purse while trying on some clothes. Somehow it got picked up by another shopper and was sold for 50 cents. When she discovered what had happened, she came right back with the purse. The original owner was relieved to have it back—but, on the other hand, was annoyed that they had charged only 50 cents for it.

If you are going garage-sale shopping, here are some pointers that might help:

Have a poker face. If you see something at a sale that you would just love to have, don't get excited or the price will go up. Ask the price in a faintly interested manner. Never dress up. Have a relaxed, rumpled look—be casual.

If you're interested in any article, examine it for quality. If there is a flaw in it, be sure that that side is visible when you ask the price. Always carry a tape measure, and if you are on the lookout for something specific, know the approximate dimensions you will need.

When you find a good bargain, take it with you right away. We once found a couch we liked very much at a good, low price, gave the lady a check and then went to get a trailer to haul it home. When we returned for the couch, it was gone. Someone else who had offered more money had taken it. We were shocked. Our check was returned to us, but it was a disappointing experience. A good way to carry large items in your car trunk is to use the spring or elastic-type devices sold in bicycle shops to hold the trunk lid down. Keep a couple of these in your car. If the article you have purchased is too big for the trunk and requires renting a trailer, don't forget to add in that rental charge, mentally, when you are considering buying it in the first place. It may not be the bargain you thought it was.

On anything you're interested in, make an offer—especially on a whole batch of something. Be friendly about it, though—don't be rude or the person will never give you a break. I wouldn't do it if the article is already marked at an exceptionally good price. To me, that's just being greedy and doesn't seem fair. On the other hand, if you just can't make up your mind about buying something at the set price, an offer made at a lower price will settle the decision for you. Having the offered amount of money in sight tends to lower the seller's resistance. And always have some cash on hand to take advantage of a good buy. Many people won't accept checks, so we always have a "spare" $10 hidden in our car.

About signs—generally, the more precise and professional sign leads to the worst sale. I

can't explain that—just trust me. Beware, too, the expensive sale in a fancy neighborhood (if the neighborhood is too elite, many people seem to think that their belongings are consecrated—and prices are absurd) and the garage sale "pro" who has signs leading to his house every week of the year. I don't know how to avoid getting hooked into going to one of these occasionally if you don't know the neighborhood, but you will know it as soon as you see the ridiculous prices.

Older people and hippies have the best junk: The older people because they have had time to accumulate good junk and can remember the preinflation prices of many of their articles; the hippies because often they are giving up their property to return to nature.

Plan a rummaging excursion. When your local newspaper first comes off the press, buy a copy. This lets you be one of the first to show up at some of the sales and get some choice junk. Map out three or four stops in the same area—we use a yellow marking pen to make it easier to follow a route. You may see signs for more sales along the way. Some of the best sales we have attended, we just happened to drive by—I have poor eyesight, but regardless of that I never miss a Garage Sale sign.

Radios—yes; television sets—no. The used radios we have bought worked very well. The used television sets we bought turned out to be disasters, and I find this rather painful to discuss in detail. Whoever said "You can't go wrong for $5" obviously has never bought a used TV set for that price. You *can* go wrong—and for a lot less than $5.

Use your imagination. It may be only junk if you are thinking of its original purpose, but think of what you can make out of it: an old tablecloth turns into excellent dish towels; a plain white tablecloth is great for tie-dying, as are white shirts; quiltmaking material is available for practically nothing; orange crates make great shelving for your garage. Our most recent project is our stereo chair. At a garage sale, we paid $7 for one of those hanging basket chairs that you see in garden shops. I spent another $2 on red flowered material for covering the outside and padded the inside with foam rubber padding covered with red terrycloth. My husband hooked up two speakers and attached them to the inside of the chair near the top, and I hung some attractive red material over the speakers—little drapes. It's now our cocoonlike stereo chair. The only problem is that it's so comfortable and relaxing—almost hypnotic—you never want to get out of it.

Having a garage sale of your own is also fun—but hectic. Personally, I'd rather go to someone else's. However, if you have a two-car garage and have trouble getting two bicycles into it, it's time to have a garage sale. Here are some suggestions:

1. Be organized ahead of time. If you advertise your sale starting at 9 a.m., be ready at 8 a.m. for the early birds (or vultures). These people are often dealers who seldom buy anything but are looking for those items they can dicker to a low-enough price so they can resell them at a good profit. This can be irritating if they come so early that they interrupt you when you are in the midst of setting up.

2. Set up everything in finished shape—you can get about twice as much this way. If there are clothes, be sure to wash and iron them and have them on hangers. Put books and records together, the books stacked so the titles are visible at a glance, the records standing up in a box so they're easy to flip through. (Don't put records in the sun or they'll melt.) Have a tape recorder plugged in and playing music, a tent set up (not rolled up), furniture dusted and waxed so it looks as good as possible. It's good, too, to keep children's items separate from the rest, so they can entertain themselves and not harass their parents while they're looking at your old lawn or porch furniture.

3. Make and put up signs at the corners of the streets near your house, to help guide people to your sale. A big cardboard box sitting on your lawn makes a pretty noticeable sign.

4. Include a much-wanted item in your newspaper ad to help draw more people. Examples would be rockers, books, bicycles, bunk beds.

5. Have everything clearly priced and be realistic about the prices—remember, you're cleaning out your garage. It's not a store, and those old unmatched cups and saucers you're putting out for sale may very well end up discarded anyway. You would do well to put very low prices on such items.

6. And when you get low offers, if you are the kind of person who can't say no but feel that that chair is at your bottom price, just say that your husband won't let you take less. Nobody can argue with that. ■

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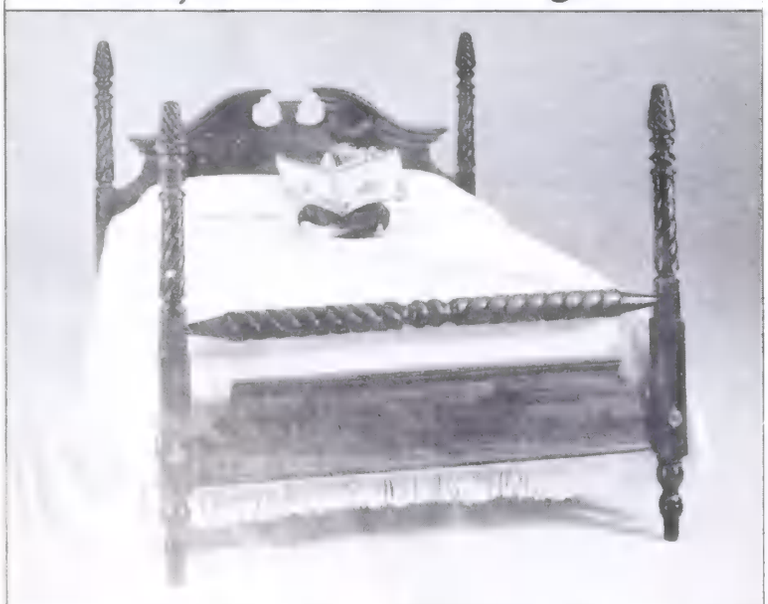
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A book and a child

—how to bring the two together

By SUSAN HOPE SCHRAUB □

Michael is eight years old. He goes to school, plays baseball, thinks girls are silly, watches television. The shelves in his room overflow with books, gifts from well-meaning parents and relatives, and the books are mostly untouched. "If I can get Michael to sit down and read the back of a cereal box, then that's good literature as far as I'm concerned," says his mother. To this mother—and many others—a "good" book the child doesn't read is without worth, no matter how the experts rave about it.

Since experts tend to judge books by detached intellectual standards, it is wrong to assume that their choices will also be those of the child. A parent who reads a glowing report on an award-winning author should not rush out to buy a set of his 10 latest books on the theory that if one is good, nine more are better. For if one doesn't go over so well, 10 may be a fiasco. Expert opinions do, however, provide the parent with a starting point in the maze of all that is available. The school librarian is an especially good source to query, since she is in touch with what is considered good and what the children are reading. Sometimes these coincide and sometimes they don't.

This poses no problem for the child. He knows what he likes. The problem is for the parents, who, especially during elementary years, buy the books. Before considering the book, the parents should consider the child. How could the school librarian know that Jane won't read books about cats because she's allergic to them? Note whether your child likes sports books and dislikes animal stories. Outsiders can't possibly know these preferences as well. Then how does an adult —whose tastes, we assume, have progressed to higher levels—put himself in the place of his child in terms of age? He doesn't. Indeed, most adults have no idea where the child's place is. It is certainly on a more mature level than theirs at the same age. Television has played a great part in this. Children are exposed to the adult world much sooner and more extensively than their parents were. The celebrated "gap" is narrowing, and adults and children will often find themselves laughing over the same programs, watching the same movies. So instead of attempting to lower himself to the supposed level of his child, the parent would do well to choose books that appeal to him artistically. Obviously, this needs qualification. *Lady Chatterly's Lover* may appeal to the parent but (artistically and otherwise) it will be beyond most children. Yet it is almost certain that if the book seems silly and babyish to a parent, the child won't like it either—so, from experts and children alike, here are some points to keep in mind when buying children's books:

Truth and Fantasy. Perhaps what is most necessary in any book is that it be truthful. Children are very quick to decipher the difference between fantasy and absurdity. Fantasy takes off from a basis of truth and expands from there; absurdity merely trys to dupe. Fantasizing is fun, but nobody likes to be fooled. This should be a primary consideration in *all* books and especially in science fiction. The best books in this category are based on scientific fact with possibilities added on. A perfect example is Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). The basic theories of time and space are sound. Situations that derive from them are pure fantasy.

When dealing with the general question of truth, the very real problem of violence arises. Children are exposed to it every day through radio and television. The Child Study Association strongly advises that a child's books "should not shield him from the destructive forces in the world but rather help him to cope with them." Yet you do have to judge honestly and realistically what ideas your child can cope with. Can even a "mature" 12-year-old cope with the terror and cannibalism at the end of *Lord of the Flies*? The book's vocabulary is easy enough, the initial story line is simple, but will this be a book the child will enjoy or will it leave him upset and confused? He *can* read it, but *should* he?

Other books are equally deceptive, though perhaps less seriously so. *Gulliver's Travels* tells of a doctor's travels to exotic islands inhabited by tiny people. The idea is deceptively juvenile. In truth, the book is a scathing social satire of the 18th century and the period-English would discourage most youngsters under 13 from enjoying it at even a fantasy level. *Alice in Wonderland* is a differ-

ent case still. A young child can read and understand it or appreciate it's being read to him, but a parent should let him enjoy it at that simple level and not force even a 10-year-old to try to understand the deeper meanings of this book—a text in many college courses.

Text. The text of any children's book should have a basically positive approach. This is not to say that life should be described as rosy with characters romping in perpetual euphoria. Children know this isn't true and good books don't try to fool them. Characters may have their disappointments, but should also have their fair share of successes and the plot should end on an elevated note. (Most adult plots do, too.) *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White (Harper & Row), one of the most popular of all children's books since its original appearance in 1952, deals successfully with the touchy subject of death. The heroine, a spider, dies at the end, having lived the normal lifespan of a spider. Are we left devastated? Depressed? No, because the entire tone of the book is one of optimism and humor. As 10-year-old Caroline pointed out, "She didn't die forever; I just open the book and there she is all over again."

Action is another important quality. Events should happen quickly and their results be easily seen. Even adults can remember the tedium of having to wade through three chapters before "getting into the book." Youngsters don't have this kind of patience, and if they aren't involved immediately, the rest of the book, no matter how enthralling, rarely gets a chance.

The wording in the book should flow easily, too. One way to test for this is to read a few lines aloud. Does it sound stilted and unreal? That's one of the reasons the old Dick and Jane readers are being discarded. What child ever said, "See Sally jump. Jump."?

Characters. The word here is accuracy. Characters in a child's book, as in adult books, should be believable. A truthful author shows the bad as well as the good sides of each personality and, what is more important, he may provide some insight into why the villain is bad. What happened in his background to make him this way? Is he at all justified?

Parents should be especially careful about character generalizations. Until comparatively recently, many children's books contained vast generalizations about ethnic minorities and national groups. They were shown in the same stereotyped lights: American Indians always on the wrong side of the cavalry; Mexican-Americans either at fiesta or siesta. And it is only within the last decade that blacks have shown up in youthful literature to any great extent. Now there are some fine examples of this emerging conscience: *Roosevelt Grady* by Louise R. Shotwell (World) tells about the son of a black migrant worker; *Tomàs Takes Charge* by Charlene Joy Talbot (Lothrop), the story of two Puerto Rican children in New York City; *Good-bye Amigos* by Bob and Jan Young (Messner), an insight into the hard life of a migrant Chicano family, and, for the younger child (ages four to eight), *City Rhythms* by Ann Grifalconi (Bobbs-Merrill) about a small black boy discovering the rhythm of a big city.

Illustrations. Pictures are very important to the younger child. Often, they make or break the book. Good illustrations should relate clearly to the story line, suggest the mood of the characters and enhance (not distract attention from) the text. And, contrary to popular belief, size and color are not necessarily criteria of good illustrations. *Once a Mouse* by Marcia Brown (Charles Scribner's Sons) is expressively illustrated in earth tones, and the delicate drawings by Joan Walsh Anglund are most endearing for their small size. A helpful guide to appealingly illustrated books is the list of winners of the Caldecott Medal, given annually for the most distinguished children's book illustrations. It is not an infallible guide, of course, but has pointed up such popular children's books as *Where the Wild Things Are* (Harper & Row), written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak; *Madeleine's Rescue* (Viking), written and illustrated by Ludwig Bemelmans. Also worth mentioning, a runner-up for the 1971 award, is Maurice Sendak's *In the Night Kitchen* (Harper & Row).

Not all Caldecott Medal books are for the four to eight-year-old age group, but since illustrations are important at this stage, they seem to predominate. Other beautifully illustrated and popular books include such works as *Tales of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter (Warne), whose characters are so well loved that the Royal Ballet recently choreographed and filmed a movie about them.

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are almost polarized. G. Robert Carlsen discusses these very specifically in *Books and the Teen-age Reader* (Harper & Row). Boys, he tells us, prefer the leading character in their books to be male, while girls have no preference; boys like an assortment of characters, girls, a limited cast; boys enjoy sweeping settings, girls are more comfortable in a smaller area; boys thrill to rough actions and multiple plots, girls like a clear story-line that is more straightforward; boys can tolerate a longer expanse of time and girls are happier in a limited time span.

Knowing that, we can turn to some specific areas of children's literature for a look at what's new, what's old, what's good and not so.

Fantasy. The most famous contributions to children's literature have been made in the areas of folklore and fantasy. They are such a large part of our culture (and references to them crop up in so many areas) that an important part of the child's education rests here. It's painless education, really. What child doesn't love to read or hear about Grimm's Fairy Tales, the stories of Hans Christian Andersen or the Russian witch Baba Yaga?

In general, younger children appreciate stories whose chief characters are animals (one mother tells us dinosaurs are very *in* today), especially those with human characteristics to make them more familiar. The humor and fantasy involved are irresistible. Certainly, the mammoth success of Walt Disney bears witness to this. Look into *Belling the Tiger* by Mary Stolz (Harper & Row); any of the *Bar Bar* books by Jean de Brunhoff (Random House).

Another popular group of books are those dealing with mythology. Many educators consider them a great bridge between fiction and nonfiction and an excellent background for the many literary and cultural references the child will run into in his later education. Books of mythology span many age levels. Children from eight to early teens will enjoy Edgar Parin and Ingri D'Aulaire's *Book of Greek Myths* (Doubleday) and Catherine Sellew's *Adventures with the Heroes* (Little, Brown).

Rhythm and Nonsense Books. From preschool to age eight is a time when children enjoy being read to as much or more than reading themselves. Rhythm books are tops on every child's list. The sound of the words and the meter, the amusing characters and stories they relate make them ideal for this age group. In general, you can't go wrong in this category. Children like to hear them again and again, displaying a level of concentration rarely found in any other area. Hillary insisted on the same book for so many bedtime readings, she learned it by heart. Books to delight the young reader and listener are: *any* books by Dr. Seuss (one bookstore owner reports that many parents come to pick out a Dr. Seuss book and stand there an hour reading one after another. "It's like salted peanuts."). *Madeleine* books by Ludwig Bemelmans and a new addition—*Around the House that Jack Built: A Tale of Ecology* by Roz Abisch (Parents' Magazine Press).

Biographies and Histories. For boys, biography is almost synonymous with sports stories—at least at the beginning. Sports heroes are responsible for drawing more than one reluctant reader to the library; many boys will read this and nothing else. One parent chuckled about his son, "a renowned authority on every sport from hopscotch to lacrosse, but that's it."

Authors of sports stories and any other biographies have a special responsibility to depict the main character fairly, since young people often make idols of them. A fine example is *Jenny Lind Sang Here* by Bernadine Kielty (Houghton Mifflin). Another, one that won the Newbery Award for literary merit in children's books in 1956, is *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham (Houghton Mifflin)—the story of the sailor who created the navigation manual we still use today. One librarian reports that she has had great success recommending books by Nina Baker, who concentrates on political biographies.

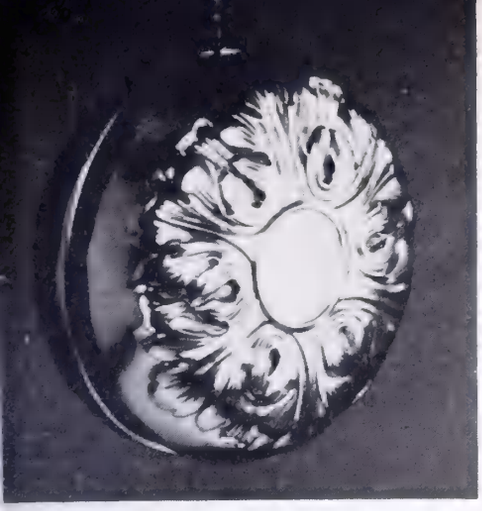
Similar standards of realism apply to history books. Characters must be shown in relation to their times and not be held to present-day standards of dress and behavior. If the characters in a Viking story drank mead, then they should not be portrayed drinking chocolate milk because this is more familiar to the child. On the other hand, it should be understandable. A book about Robin Hood in which all the dialogue is written in Old English is a bit too realistic. Nor should a good history book over-glamorize past events. Historic characters and their accomplishments should be admired, not deified. The better books try to show a continuity between past and present. Several of the larger publishing houses have come out with some excellent series of history books and historical fiction: *Initial Biographies* by Genevieve Foster from Charles Scribner's Sons, *Signature Books* from Grosset and Dunlap, and *Landmark Books* from Random House.

Youthful Novels. Over the past several years, this category has come into a new light and now includes many excellent new books especially written with the young reader in mind. They range from adventures and animal stories to biographies and encompass some of the highest qualities of good youthful literature. That is, they are well-written, have believable characters and true-to-life situations. They are not afraid to pose serious and current problems such as drug abuse, delinquency and poverty, dealing with them truthfully and positively. In *Tuned Out* by Maia Wojciechowska (Harper & Row), a teenager struggles with drugs; *South Town* by Lorenz Graham (Follett) deals with prejudice.

Books of this caliber are also found in number for nine to 12-year-olds. For a long time, children in this age group were steered toward Nancy Drew or Hardy Boys stories. Children who read these books today usually do so at an earlier age than their parents did, and often express a general lack of enthusiasm for them altogether. It is not hard to see why. The characters are stereotyped, the language unreal and, in the words of 13-year-old Cheryl, "They're just not with it." Who is with it? Characters in *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren (Viking), *Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson (Viking), any of the Mary Poppins books by P.L. Travers (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich) and, more recently, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg (Atheneum)—a Newbery Award winner. All of these books are marked by one outstanding quality—originality.

The Newbery Award, incidentally, is one way to identify a well-thought-of children's book. Authors who have merited this prize and are generally considered some of the best in children's literature include Marguerite de Angeli, Lois Lenski, Robert Lawson, Louis Slobodkin. Others, who are not Newbery winners but, beyond doubt, masters in their field are P.L. Travers, Beverly Cleary and the ever-popular Mark Twain.

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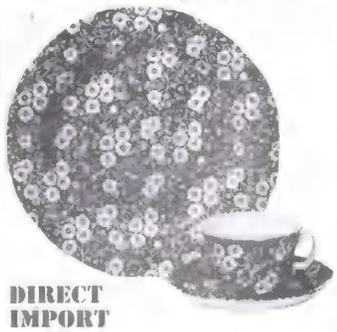
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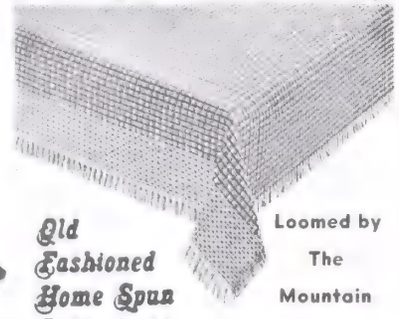
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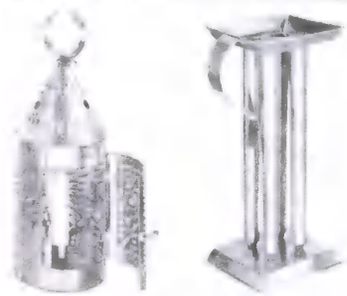
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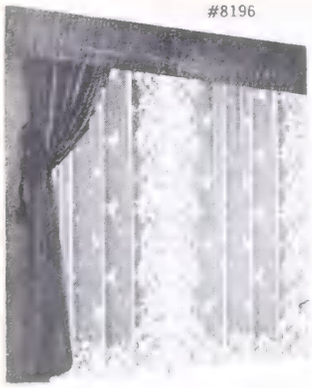
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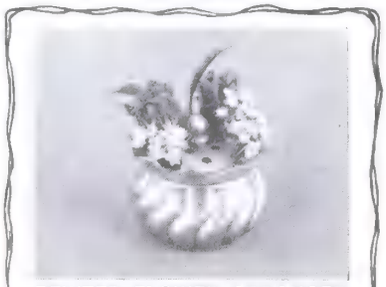
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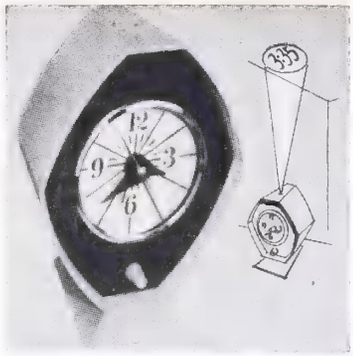
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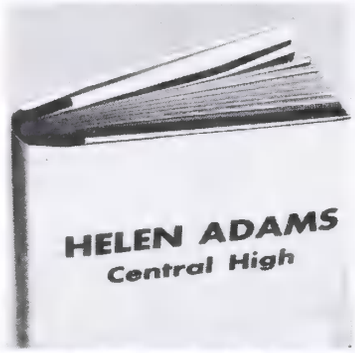


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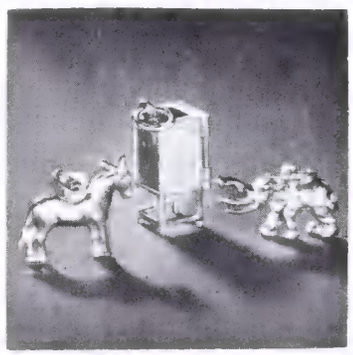
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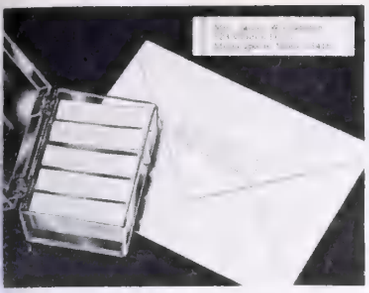
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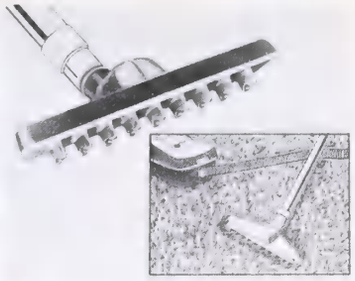
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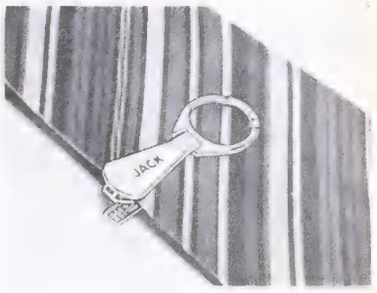
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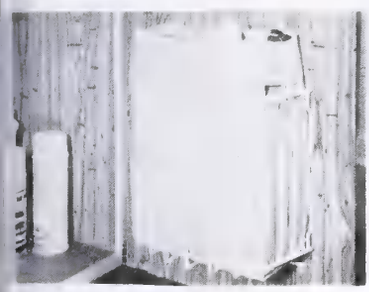
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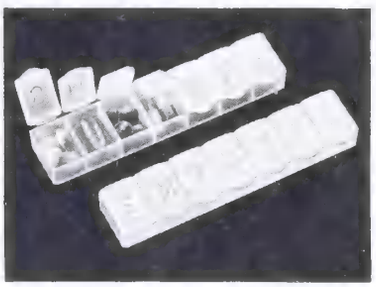




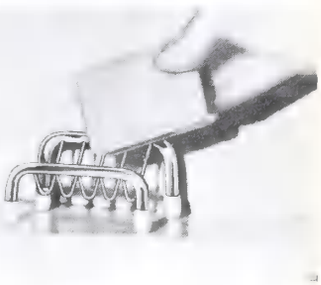
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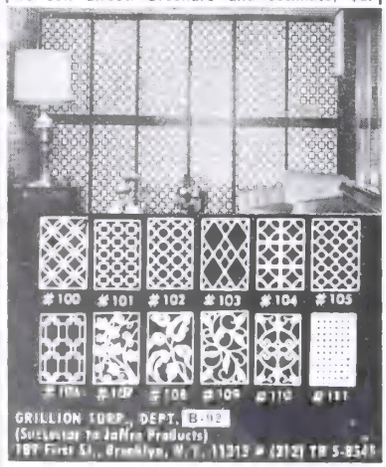


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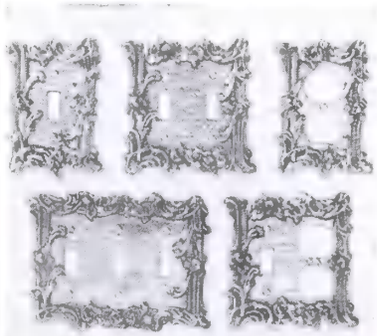


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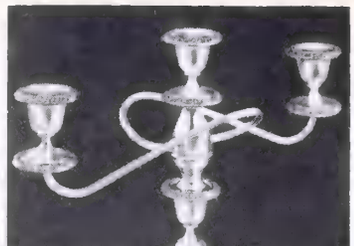
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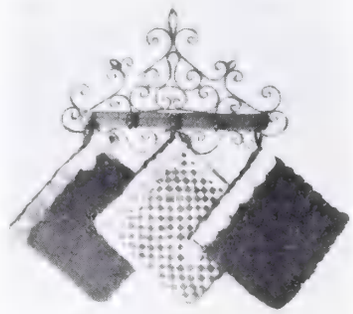
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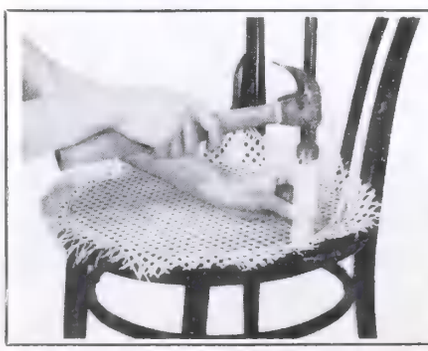
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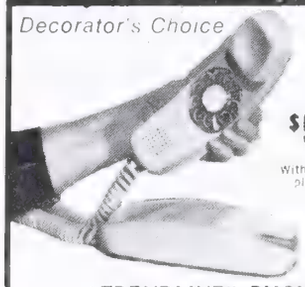
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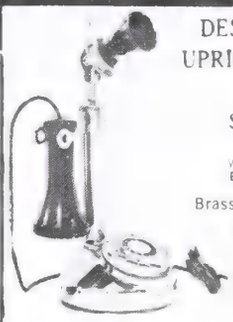
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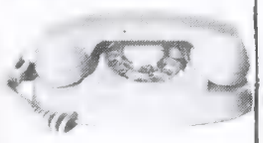
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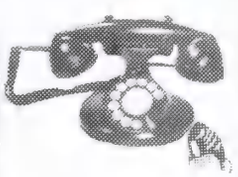
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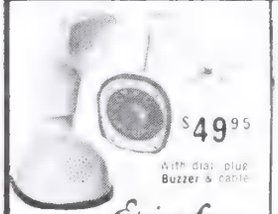
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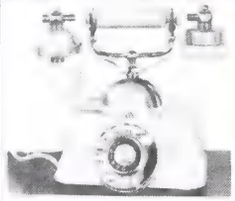
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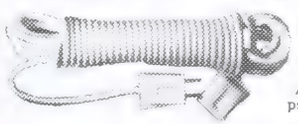
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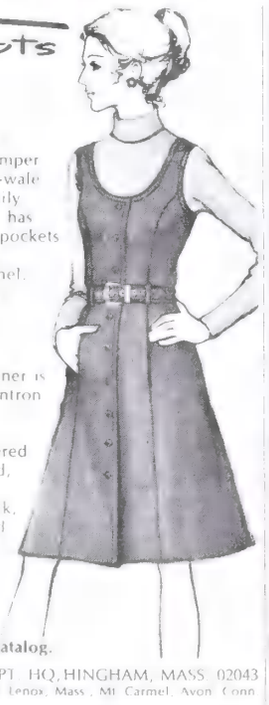
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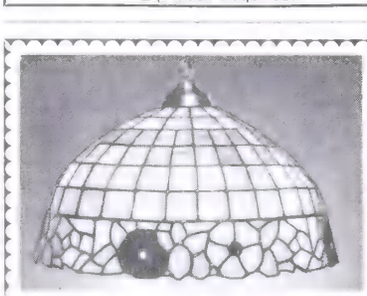
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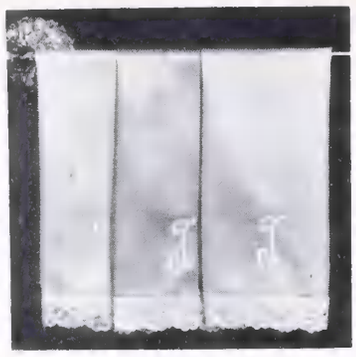
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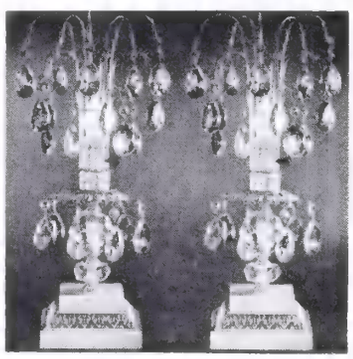
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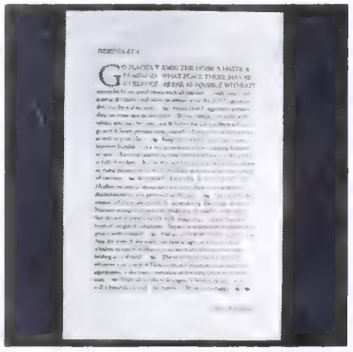
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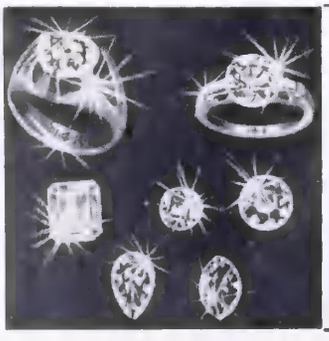
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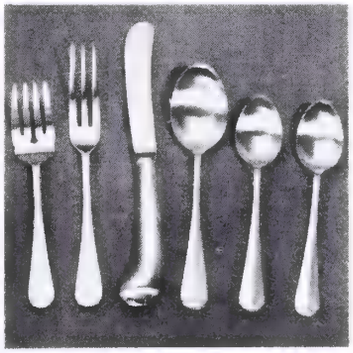
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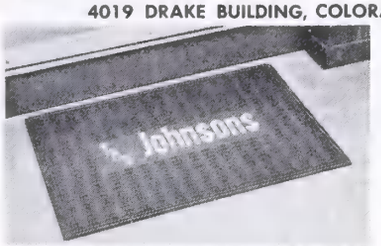
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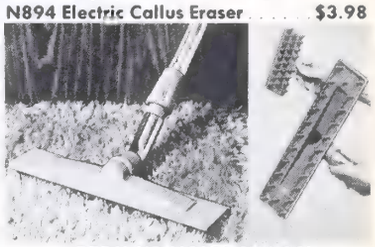
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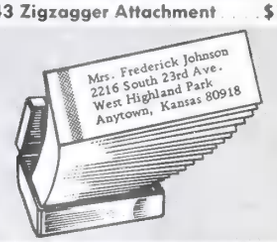


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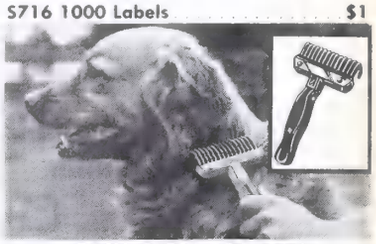
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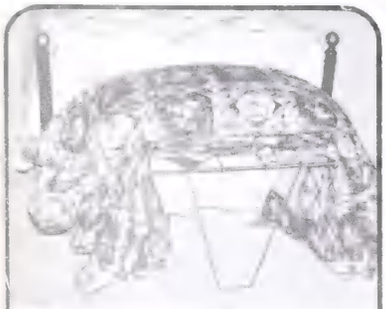
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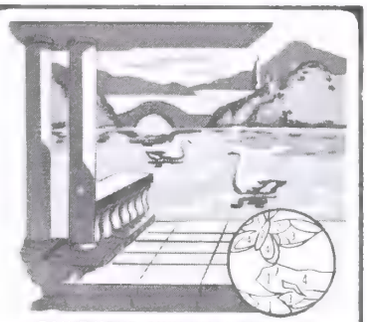


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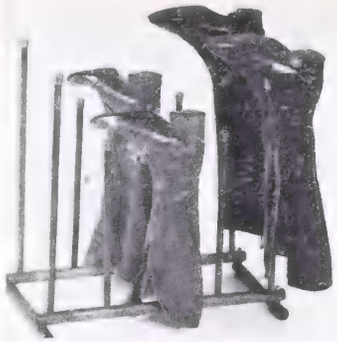
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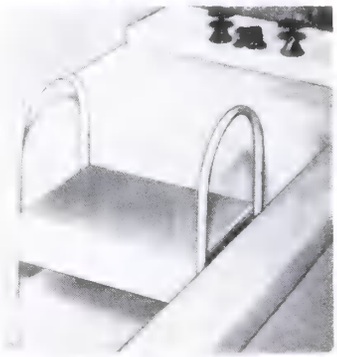
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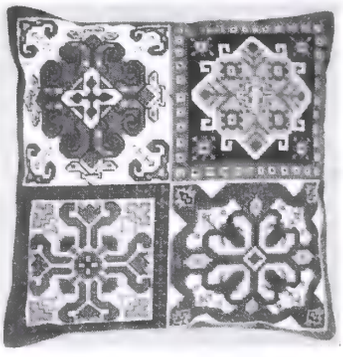
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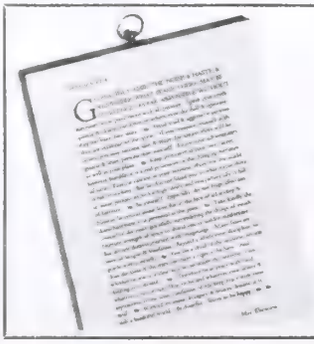
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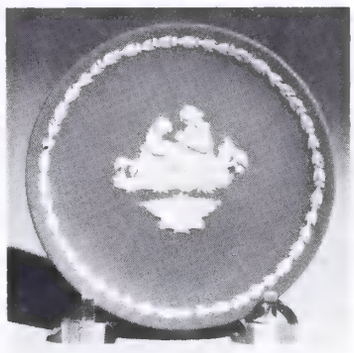
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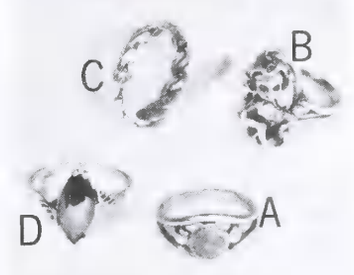
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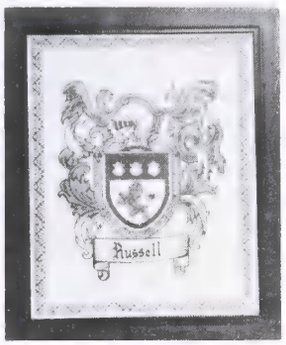
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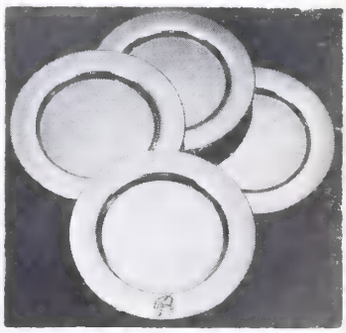


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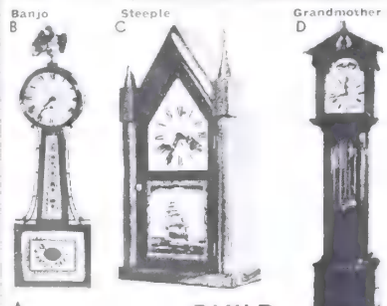
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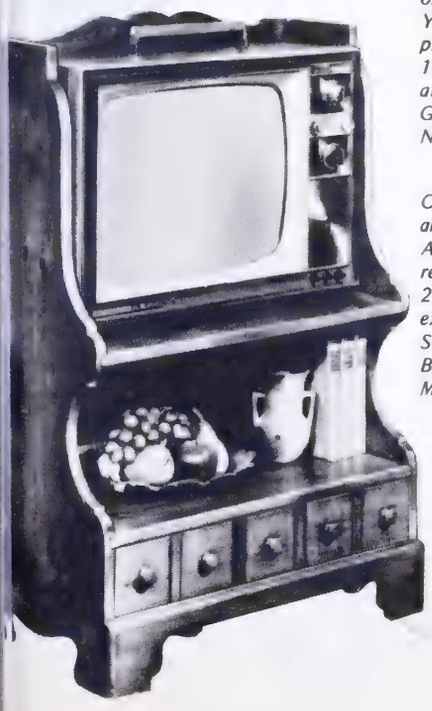
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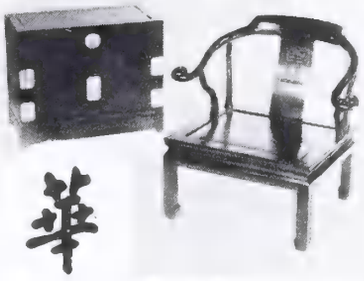
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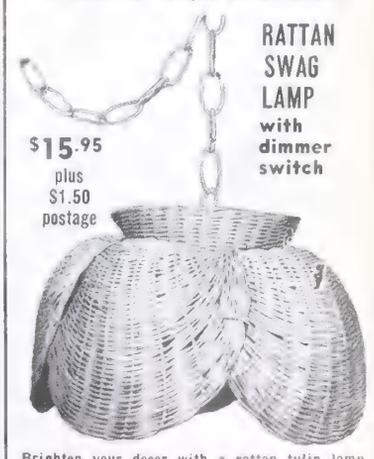
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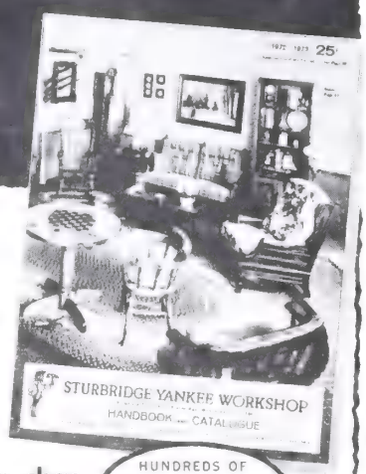
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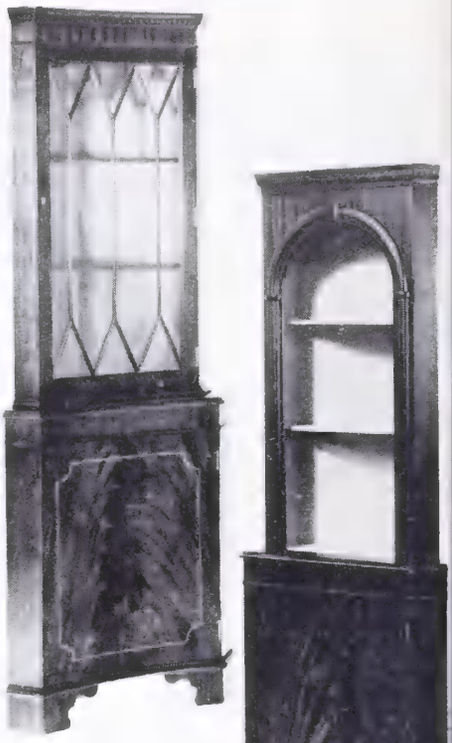
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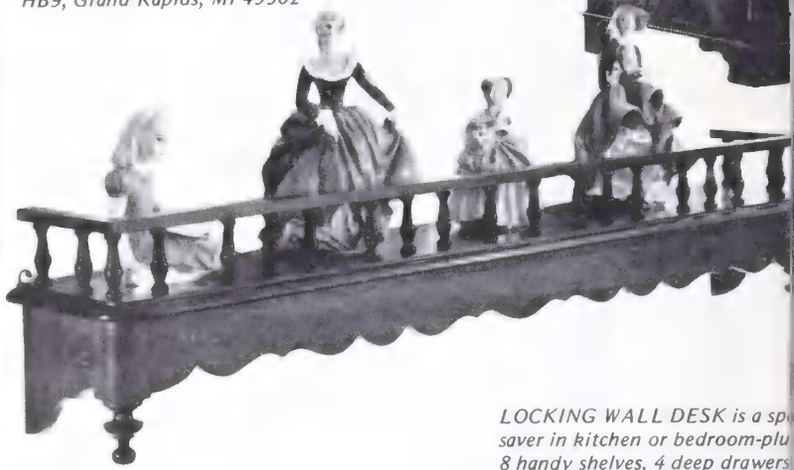


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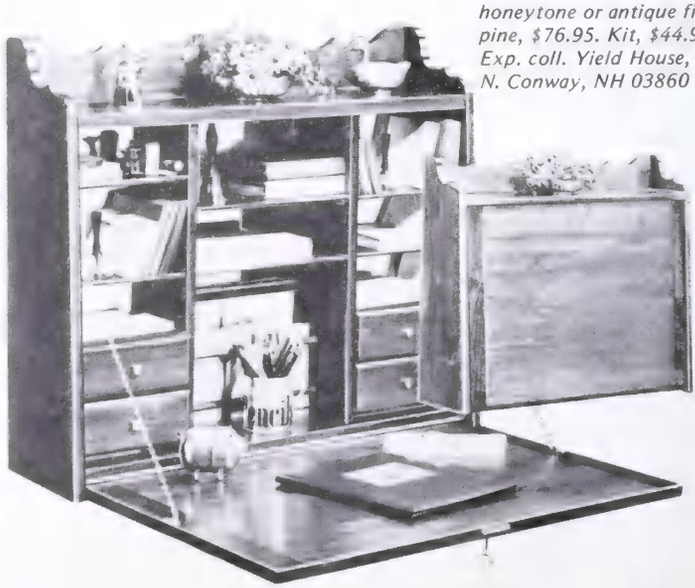


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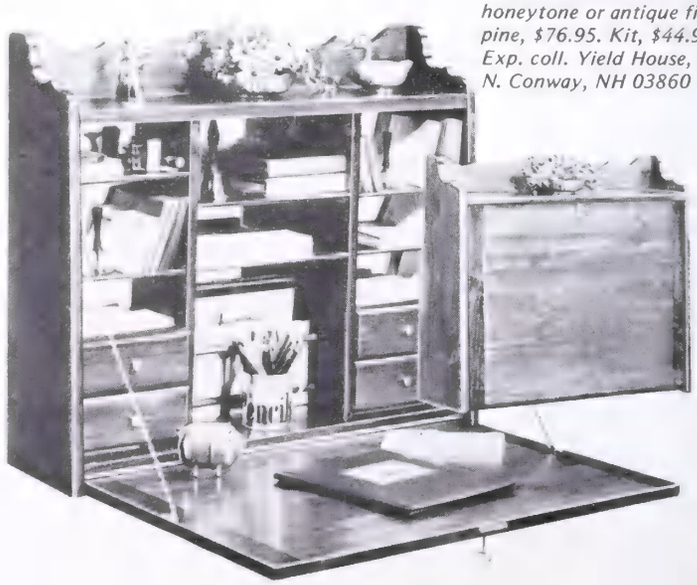


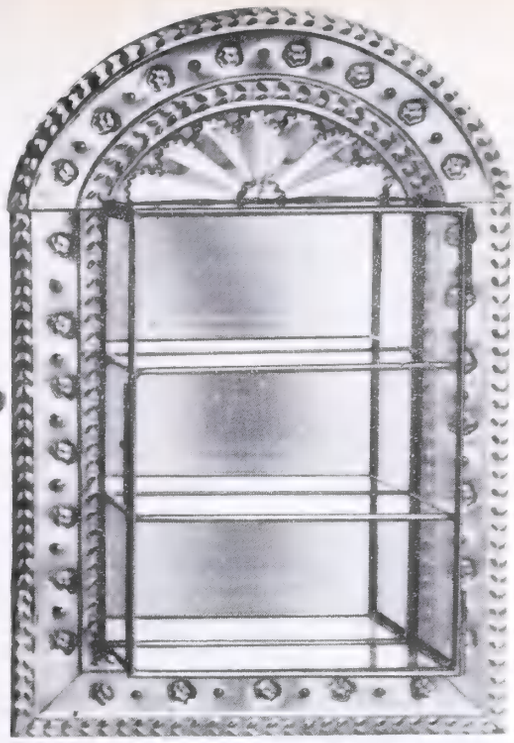
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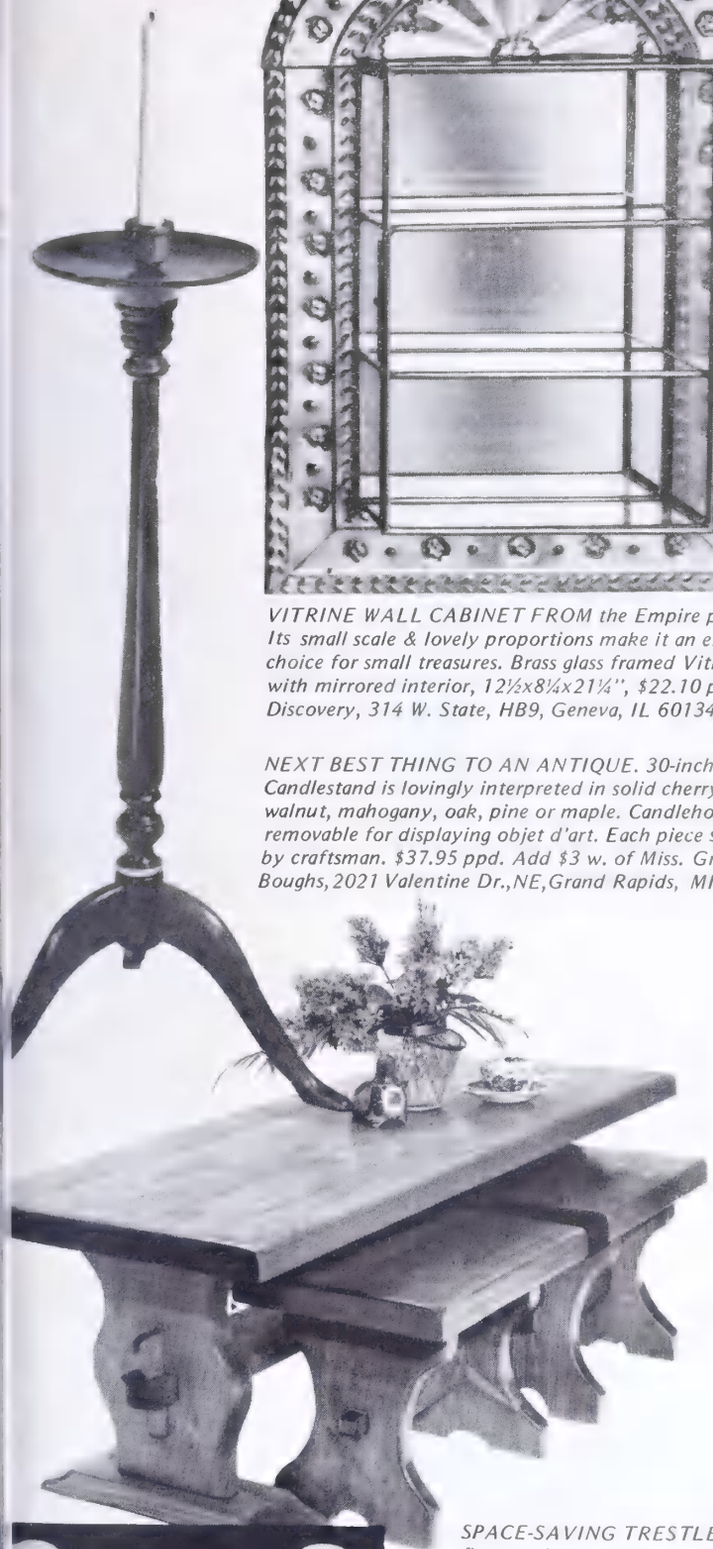
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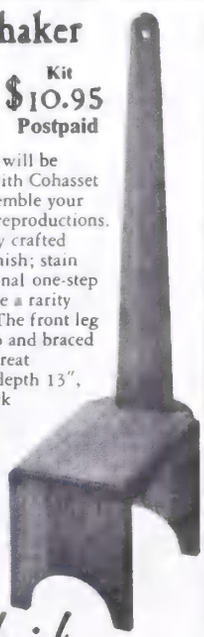
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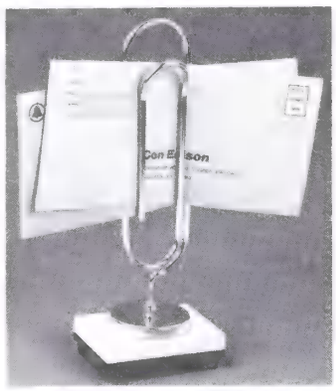


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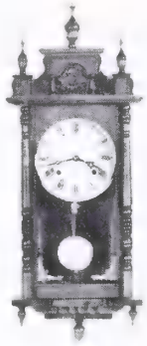
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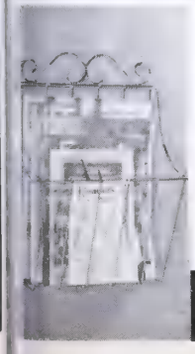


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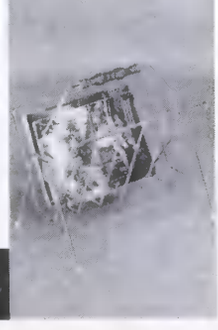
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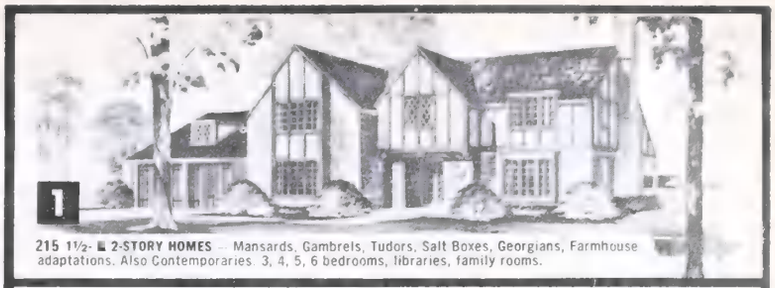
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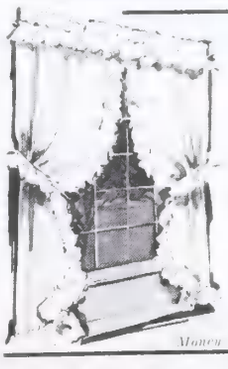


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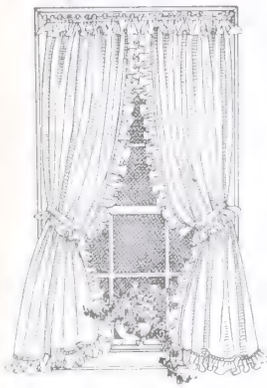
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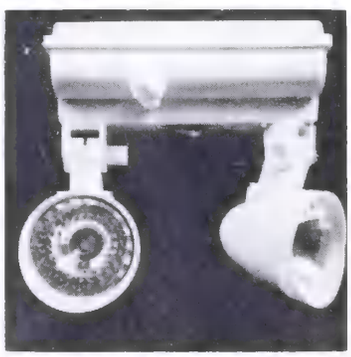
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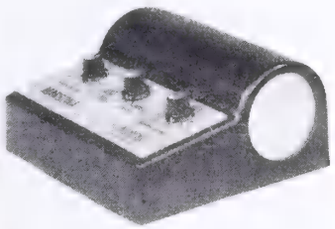
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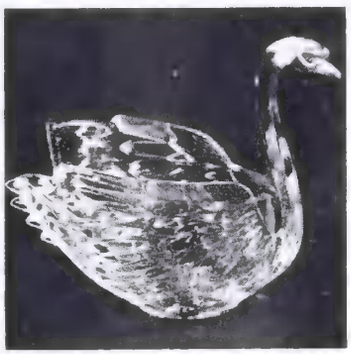
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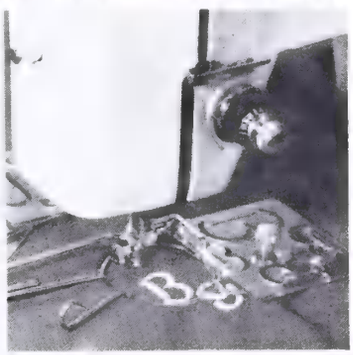
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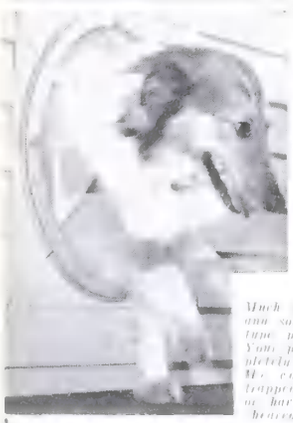
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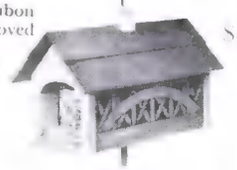
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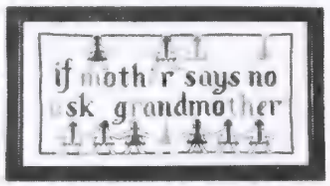
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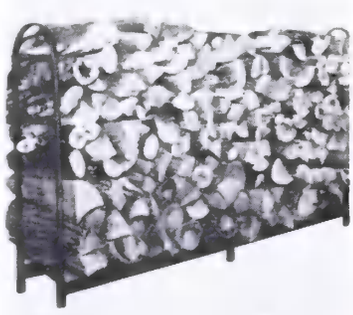
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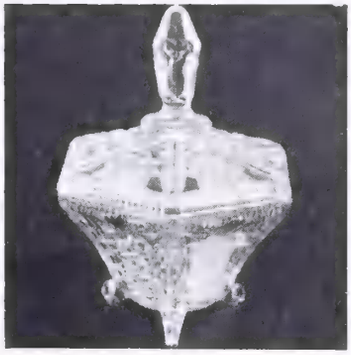
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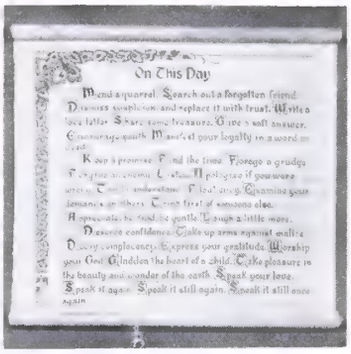
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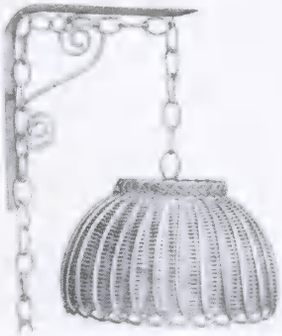
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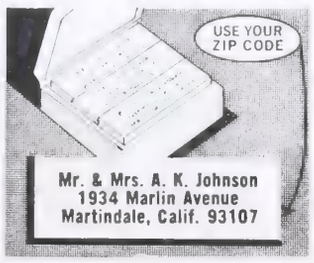


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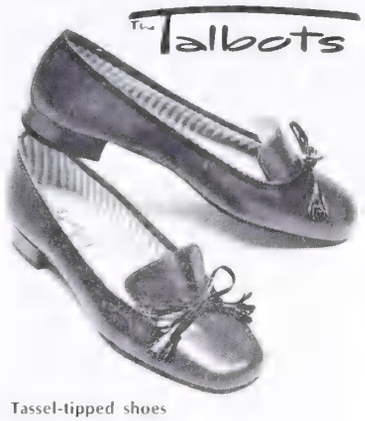
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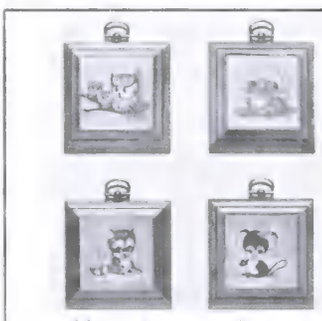
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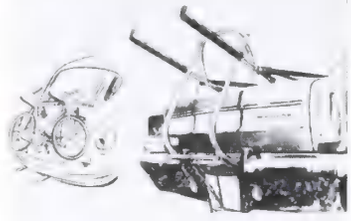
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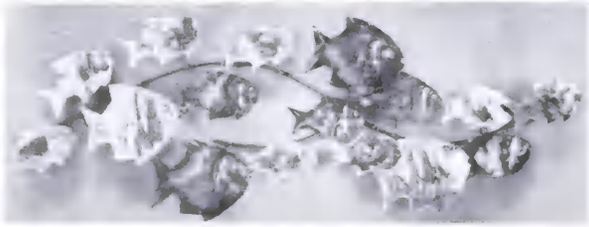
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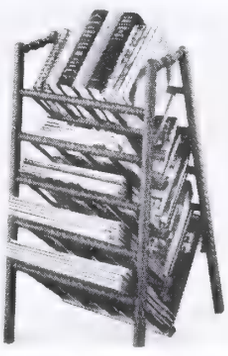
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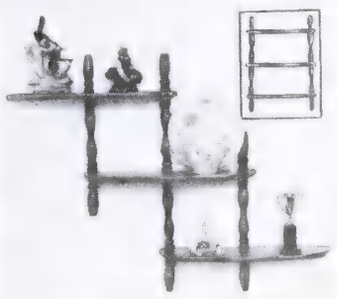
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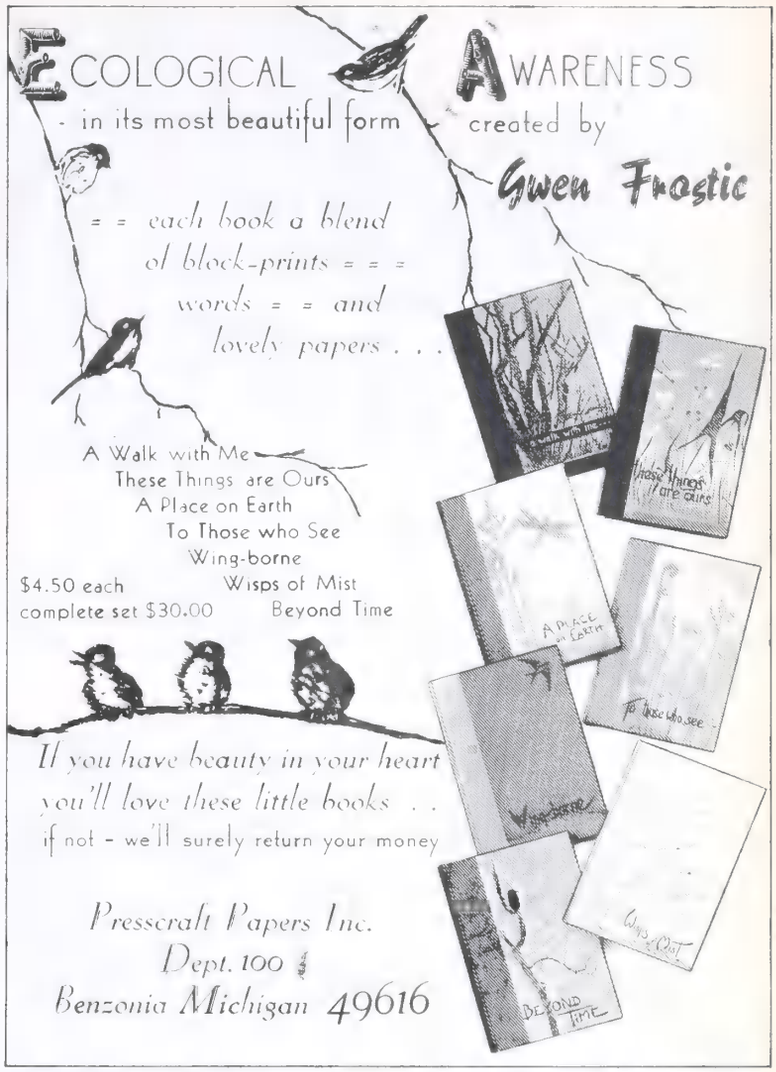
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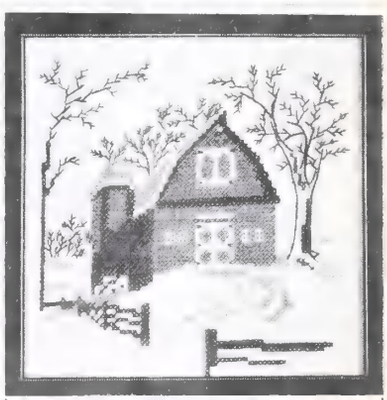


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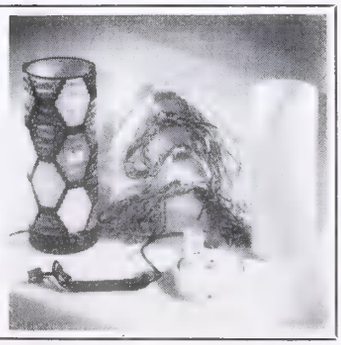


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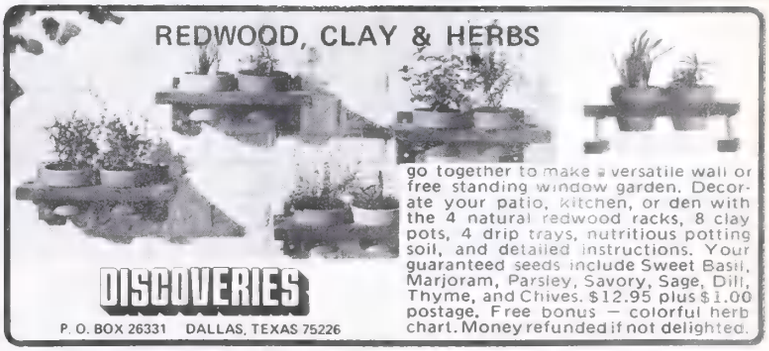
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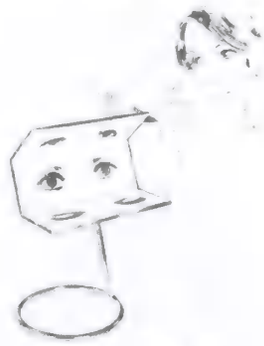
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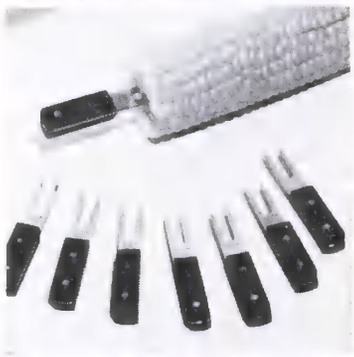
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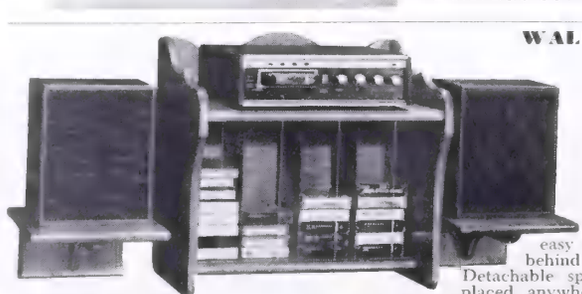
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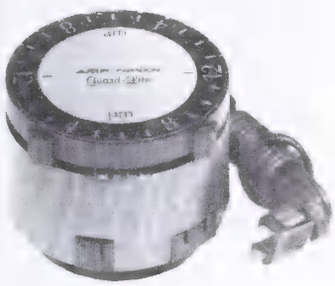
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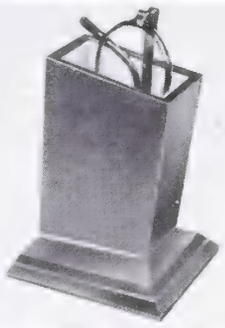
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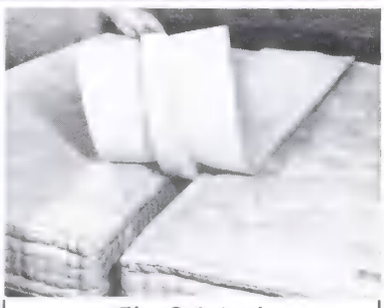


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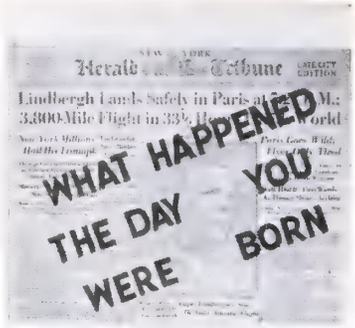


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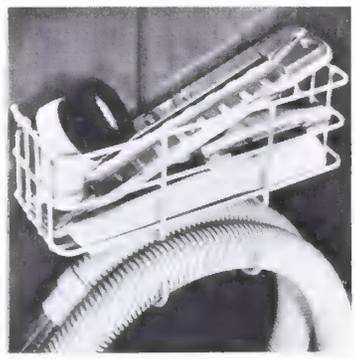
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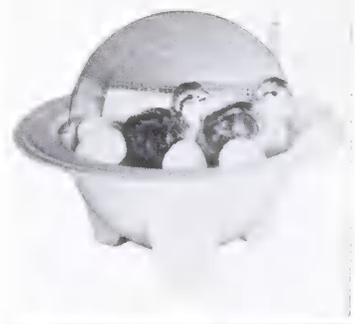
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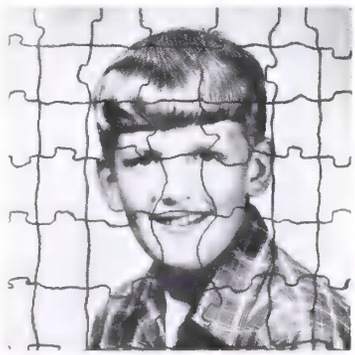
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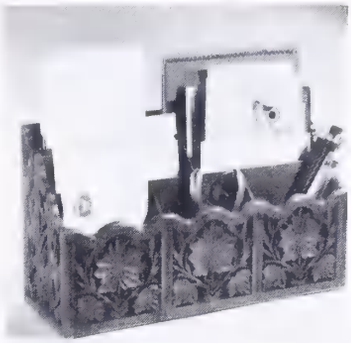
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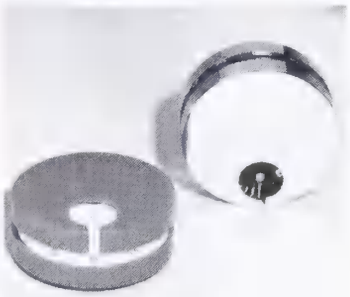
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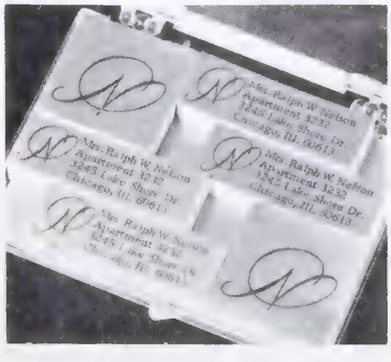
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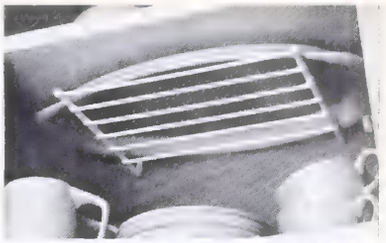
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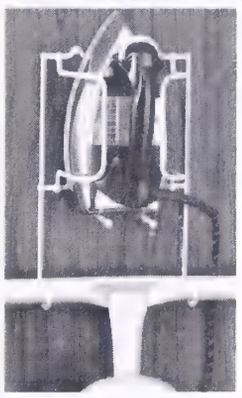


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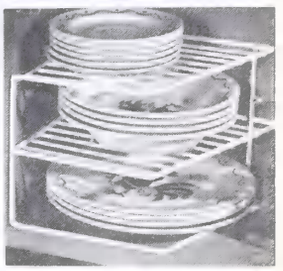




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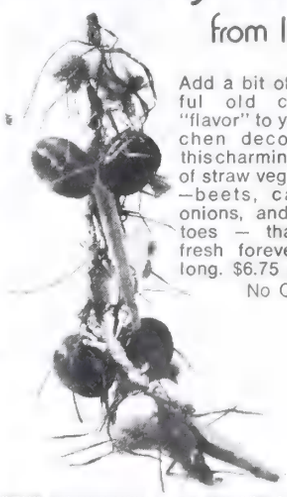
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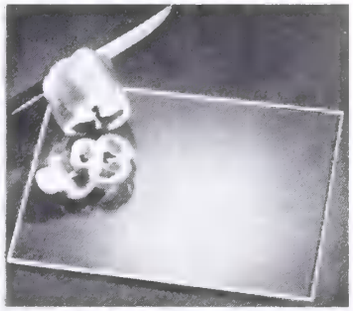


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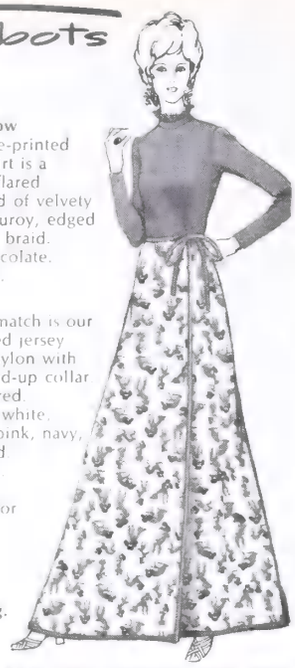
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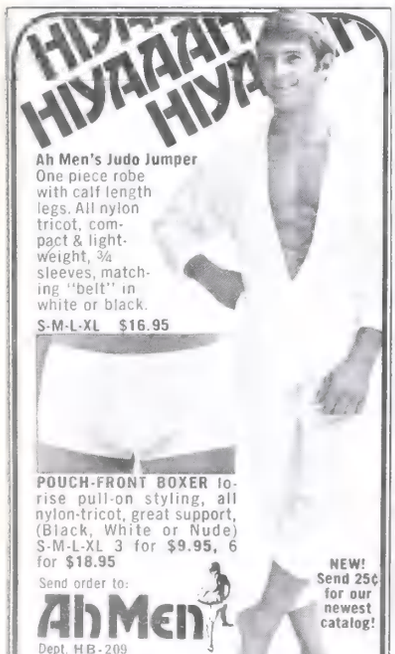


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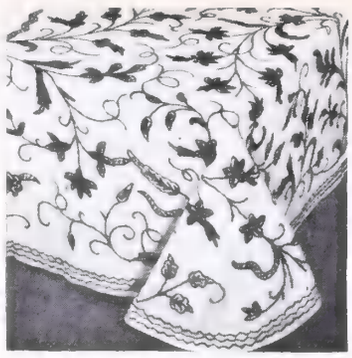
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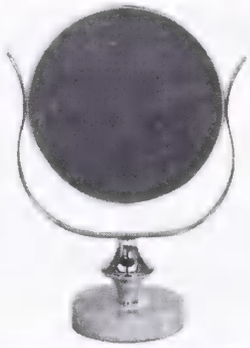


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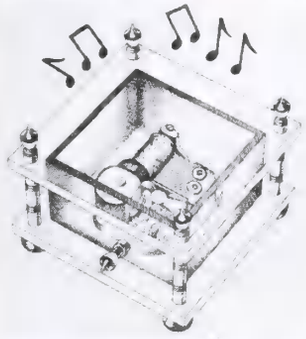
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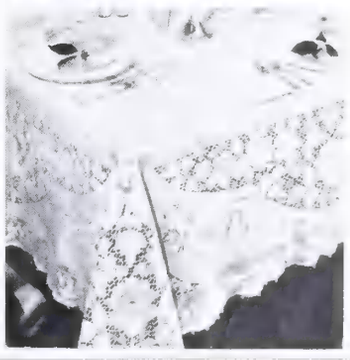
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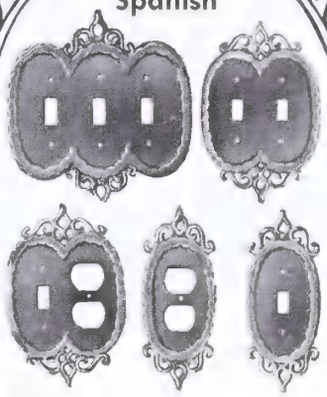


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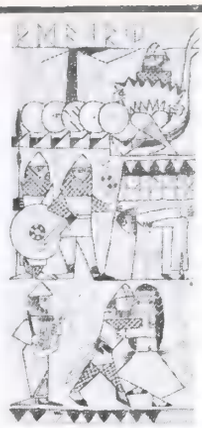


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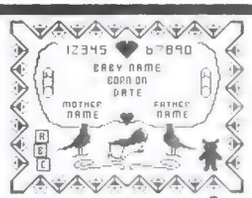
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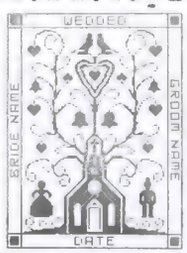
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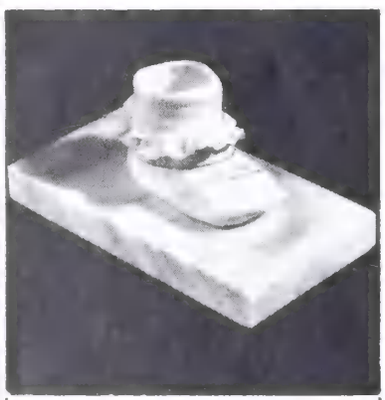


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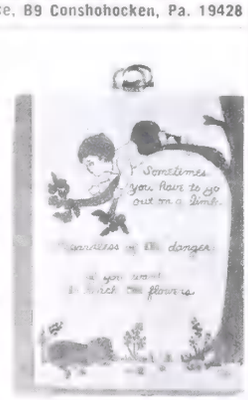
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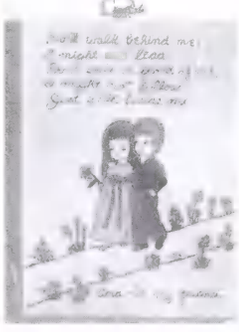
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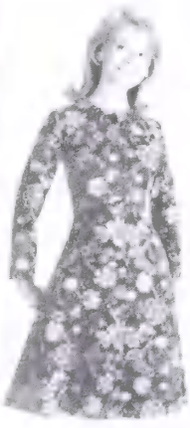
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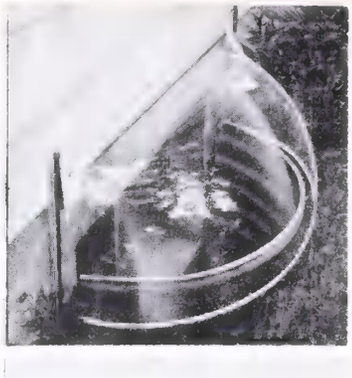
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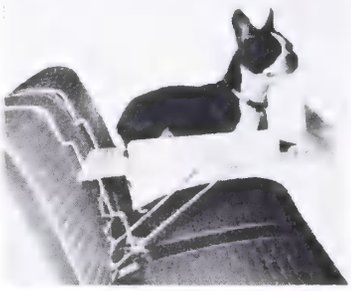
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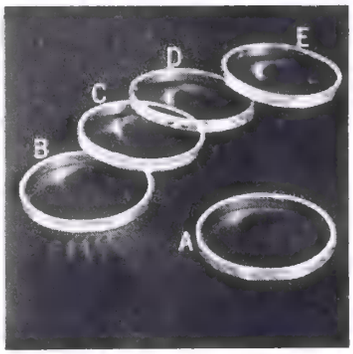
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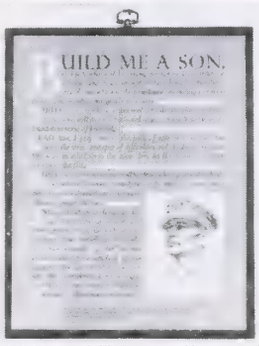
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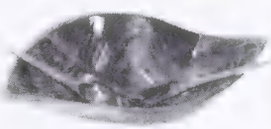
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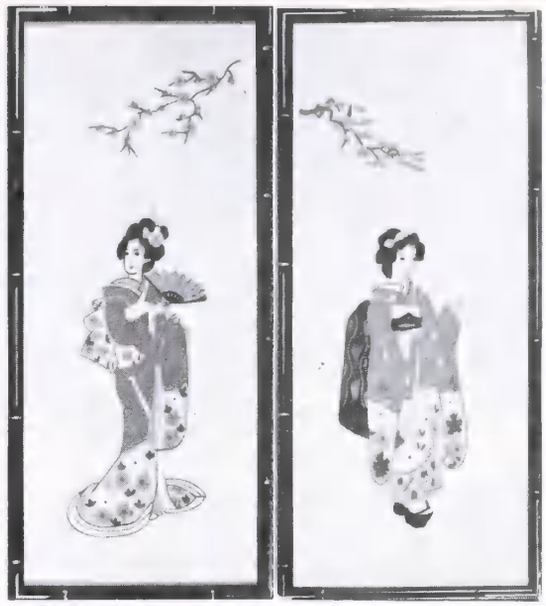


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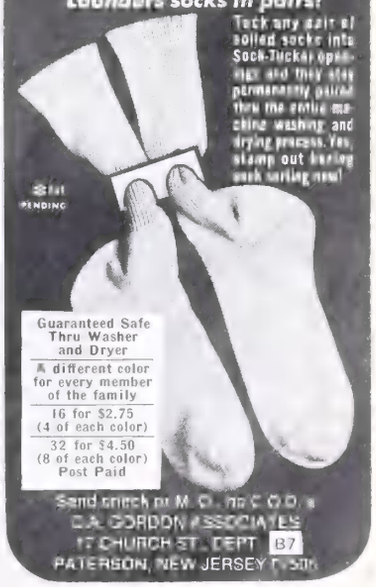
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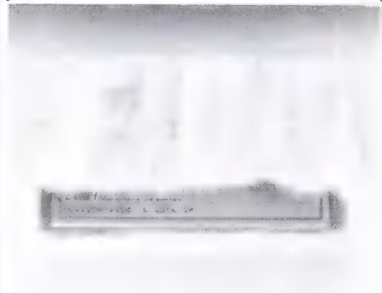


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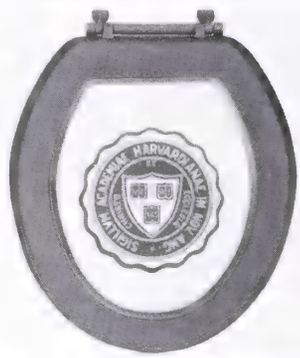
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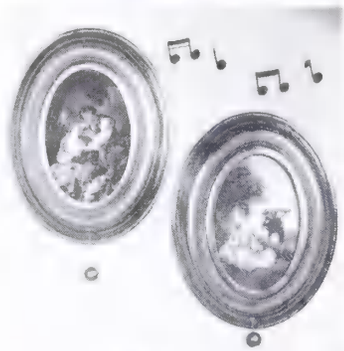
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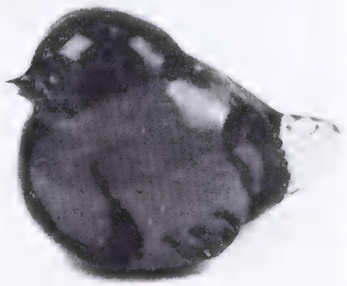
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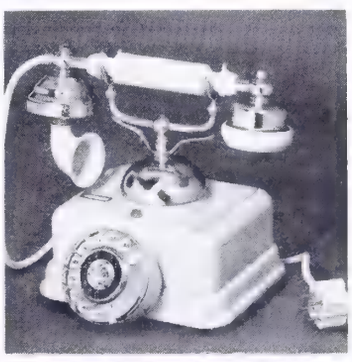
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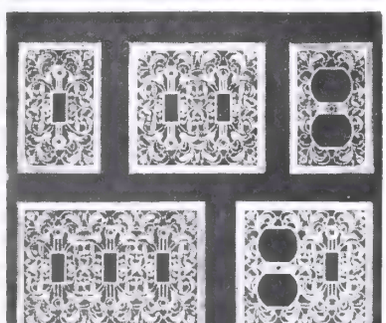
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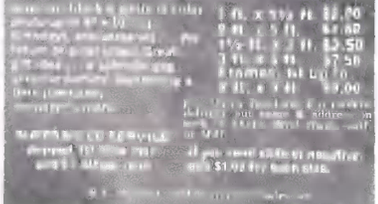
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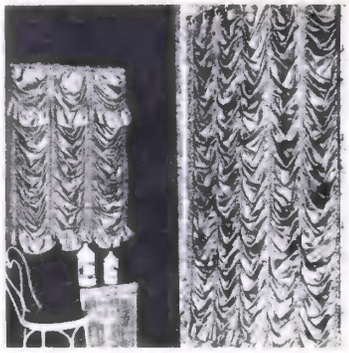


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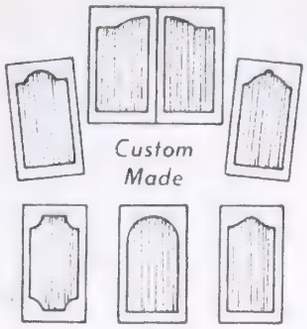
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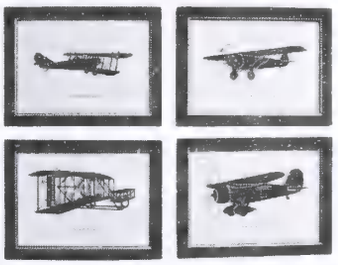
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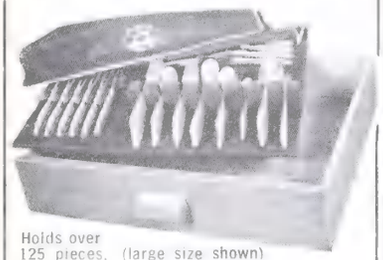
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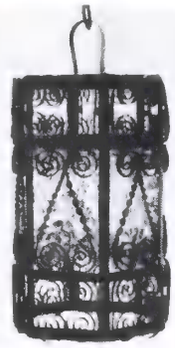
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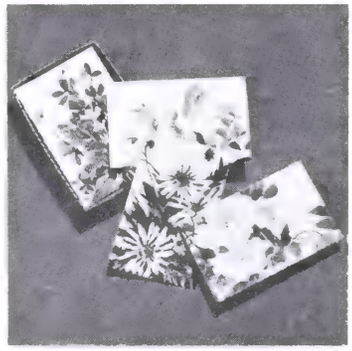
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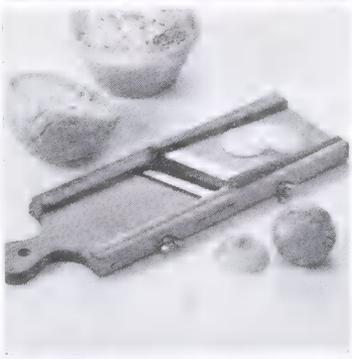
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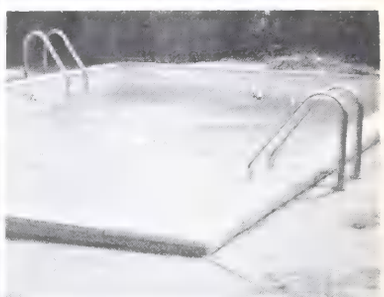
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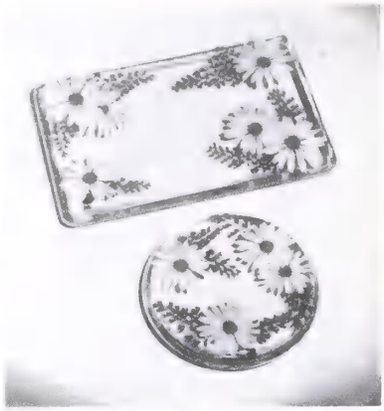
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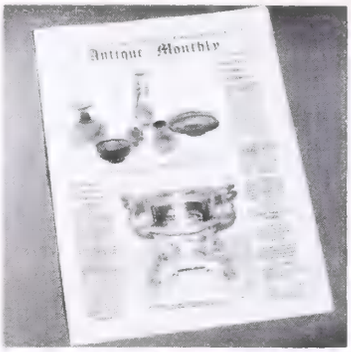
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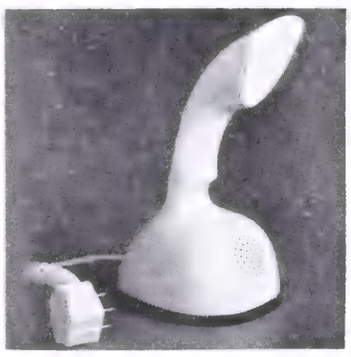
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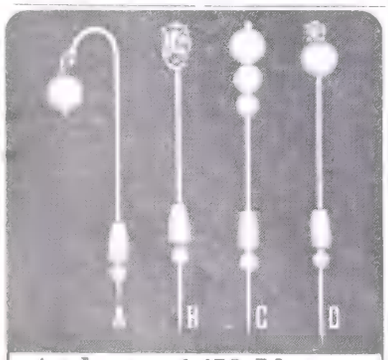
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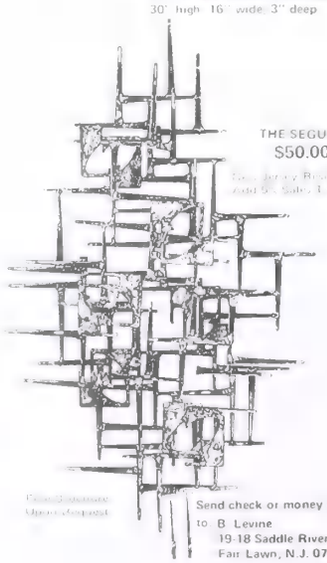
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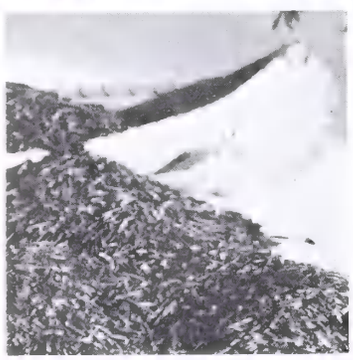
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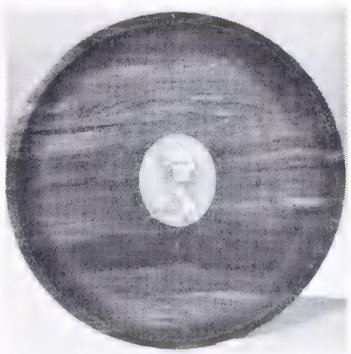
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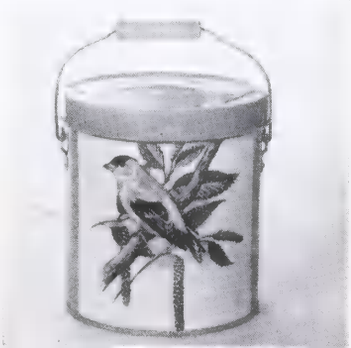
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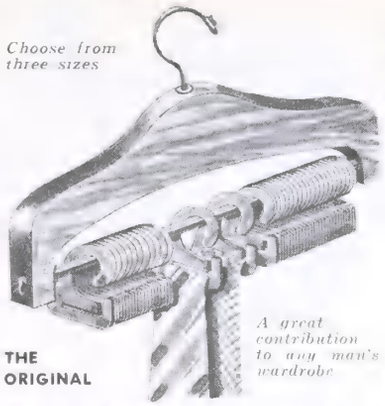
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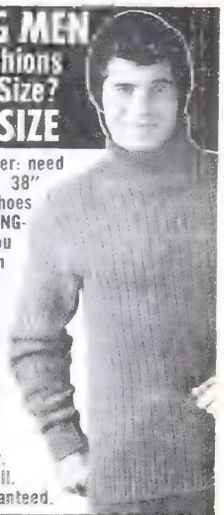
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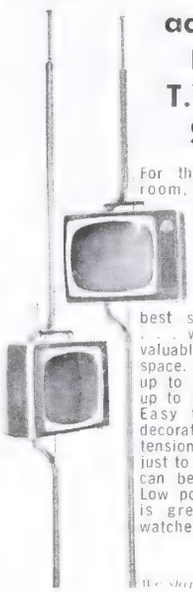
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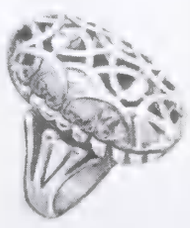
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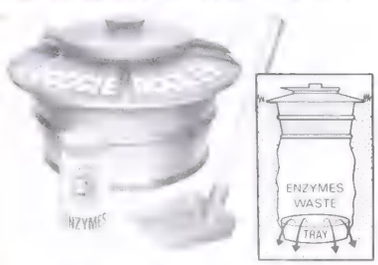


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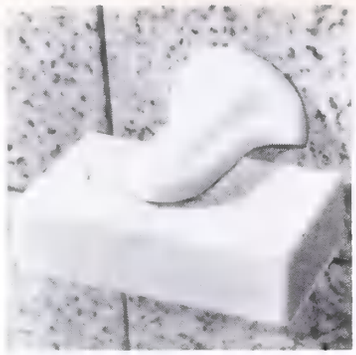
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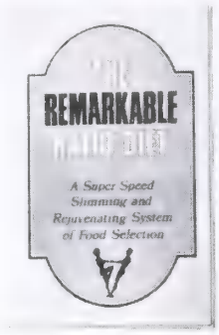
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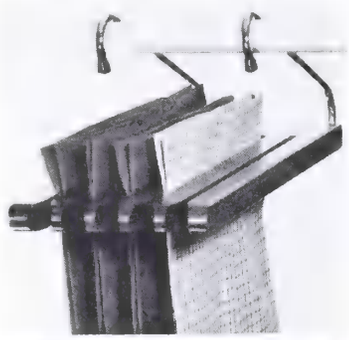
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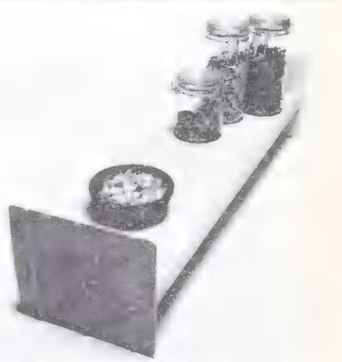


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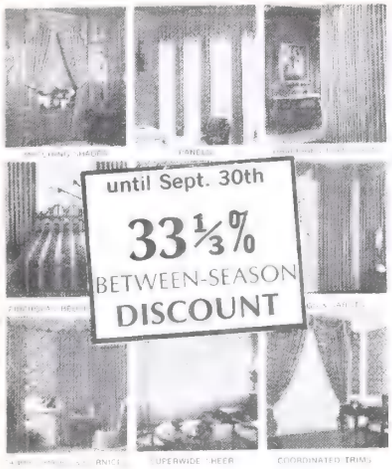
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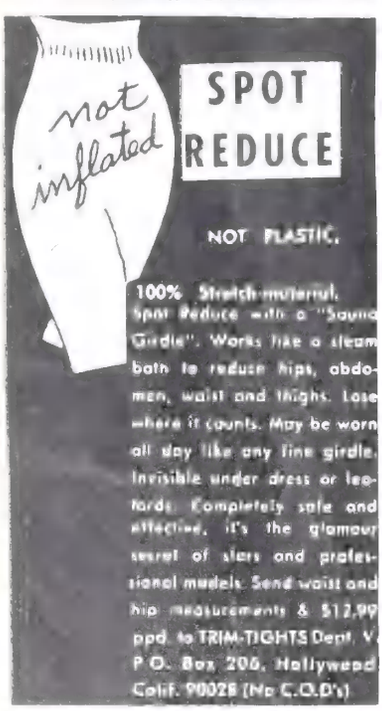
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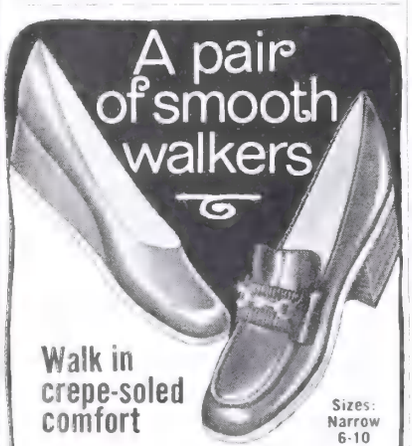
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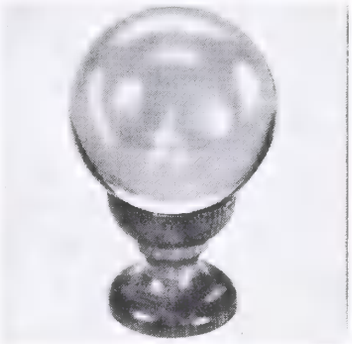
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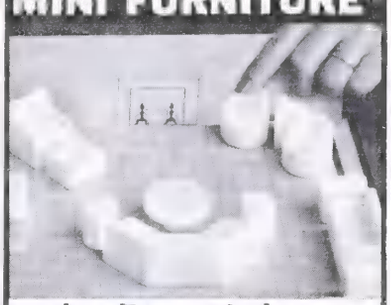
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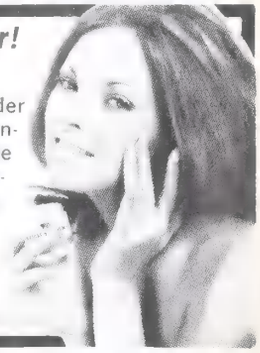
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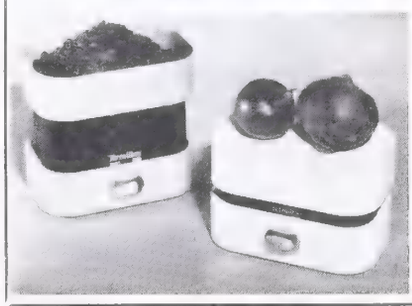
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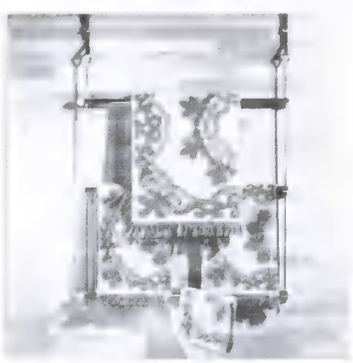
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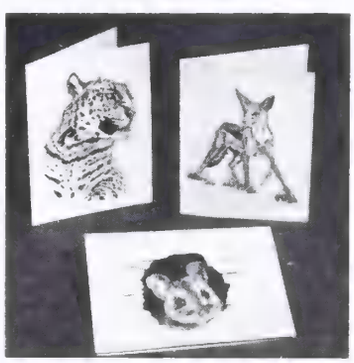
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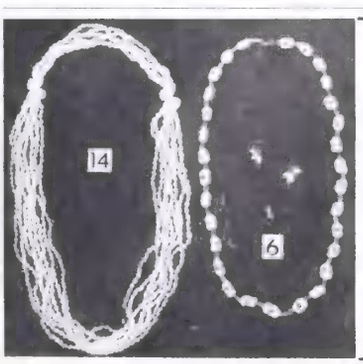
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HOW TO SHOP

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Get an idea of the broad choice of styles and periods available. Familiarize yourself with the differences. Look at model rooms and see how furnishings available right there are used.

Kenneth R. Volz, director of design at Henredon Furniture Industries Inc., also cautions that when you are thinking about styles, you "consider the entire house. After all, unity is an important design principle. Consider the specific use and mood of each room but also consider them in relation to the adjacent rooms."

If you lean toward one set style, decide on it, at least tentatively, before you start shopping seriously. Why waste an afternoon in a forest of French Provincial when you really want Early American? "Make a mental grocery list," advises Ron Frank. "Decide in advance of the initial shopping expedition what you want and the size it must be. You can change your mind, but at least you will not be just wandering around aimlessly."

In talking about styles, the question of fads must come up —and you will run into many fads as you are shopping. Fads are fun and even more fun when they are not taken too seriously. But can you help taking a $400 phosphorescent settee seriously? You can't. "Form the nucleus of your home with classic things and change the smaller things around them," urges Robert Metzger. "Indulge your faddish fancies with an African mask, batik pillows, a fur throw. These are things that can be changed on whim. *Never spend more than $100 on a fad.*"

Grace C. Shirley, director of the interior design department at Kittle's Home Decorating Center in Indianapolis, believes that "as a general rule, traditional styling is easier to live with over a long period of time and eliminates the possibility of having 'dated' furniture." But Florida decorator David Wemple speaks for many professionals when he says that no matter whether you prefer Italian curves or Mediterranean carvings, he is "definitely against the look of a set of furniture." And Henredon's Kenneth Volz adds, "In this day of The Mix, balance and counterpoint make the big difference between ordinary and unusual rooms. Balance modern and period for a contrast of materials and textures as well as a contrast of line; balance heavy, static pieces such as large sofas and bookcases with light, sculptured forms such as small tables or consoles." A grouping from one line might look great on the broad, unwalled expanse of a sales floor but too much of a good thing in your living room. If you like a particular grouping, look for the ornate chest that will be just the right note of contrast beside your sleek sofa, the straight-lined table that will complement your ladderback chairs.

Above all, think people, not objects. As Ron Frank puts it, "Do not follow trend if it doesn't suit you." An open étagère may be more in style in your area, but a tall cabinet with doors will be better if you have more to hide than to display—and will take about the same amount of wall and floor space. When buying a chair, think of who is going to sit in it and when. Will your husband appreciate the delicate work of a Queen Anne when he's looking for a place to sit and watch the Sunday football game? A leather-covered English club chair might give the same traditional feeling—with comfort for the football watcher. If necessary, make up a list of functions the piece of furniture must fill and check it over as you consider each item in the store. This will keep you from being carried away by seeming bargains when they are not really what you need. "Something you can't use," says David Wemple, "is never a bargain."

Do you anticipate future changes? Our kingdom for a crystal ball (very utilitarian and they make great accessories). But even if you can't find one, at least give some thought to the changes that lurk around the corner. Might you be moving in the foreseeable future? Across the street or down the block won't make much difference but do consider moves that involve changes in climate or region. An entire houseful of heavy Dutch furniture may seem absolutely right in a Pennsylvania carriage house but out of place in a south Florida beach villa.

Think about changes in family. Will small children be hazardous to your furniture's health? New York Decorator Nancy S. Loney doesn't agree that parents must deprive themselves of lovely things until the children have grown. "Children should learn to live with nice things. We all have to live with some strictures. There should

be some areas of the house where they can run free, but parents shouldn't hesitate to emphasize that 'no one plays catch with the 18th-century Ch'ing dog.' "

Buy furniture with the future in mind but be realistic about it; buy furniture you can live with *now*. Mrs. Loney cautions, "Don't buy a massive breakfront for a three-room apartment just because you think that 'some day I'll be living in the grand manner.' You may never be doing it and even if you could someday, you may not want to."

Inevitably, we come to the big question: How do you decide how much to spend on individual pieces of furniture? This is, of course, an area of much disagreement. Many people feel it is worth it to spend a substantial amount on a necessary, long-lasting item— a good sofa, for example. And Grace Shirley thinks "a young couple beginning the furnishing of a home with a limited budget perhaps would do better to buy as many really good pieces as they can afford. If at first they purchased fewer but better pieces, it would be fun to fill in with make-do items."

But tastes do change, and today's flower child who loves blow-up furniture can be tomorrow's arch-conservative who can't live with anything but a camel-back love seat. For this reason, David Wemple urges young couples, "Do not buy expensive pieces at the start. Buy medium-priced, well-designed pieces. After a while, as taste, lifestyle, income and family stablize, start buying the more expensive items."

This whole question, says Kenneth Volz, can be thought of as falling into two categories: "The fine, expensive pieces that express your good taste and appreciation of style and that will be a permanent part of your home, balanced against the fun furniture that expresses your current flair or style. This can be colorful and modish, with the idea that it can be disposed of or de-emphasized as needs and tastes change."

It's natural to love to find a bargain, but once you do start buying, be aware of what to beware of. Joyce Lambert, a consultant for Fieldcrest Mills Inc., warns to beware of hidden costs that lie below the surface —such as labor costs. If you buy a piece of furniture unassembled, thus saving 30% of the cost, will it cost you at least that much to have it assembled by a handyman if you are blessed with 10 thumbs? Mrs. Lambert points out. "Be aware of extra expenditures. You may be able to afford the cabinets, but not the labor to put them up." One woman who pulled strings for months to get some decorative Spanish kitchen tiles wholesale then sat with them for six months until she could find someone who would consent to take her money to put them in place. When buying wholesale, service is rarely provided.

David Wemple also warns against items that are manufactured to be sold at marked-down prices and are of a lesser quality. The consumer is less likely to find this, he says, when dealing with reputable merchants and known brands. You may not be able to avoid all the pitfalls of buying furniture, but don't forget to look for them.

What do you know about what's below? The construction of your furniture is something that should occur to you only once—before you buy it. The test of a well-put-together piece of furniture is that no one ever mentions it again. No one will walk into your room and exclaim over the tight-fitting joints or rhapsodize over your countersunk screws. If they do comment, it will probably be to politely point out a shaky table or popped spring. Here, more than anywhere else, no news is good news.

How can you tell the quality of a piece of furniture as you look at it in the store? Says Ron Frank, "The truest test of a design is where the materials come together. If what you can see is well put together, what you can't see is, too. And since we can't take the chair apart in the store, the outside must be the indication of the inside." In other words, don't shop from a distance. ("Some women," said one salesman, "act as if the furniture is contagious.") Close in on it and check drawers, leaves and joints as best you can. You don't have to be an expert carpenter to know that if the whole table wobbles when you pull out a drawer, something is wrong.

On a good piece of furniture, there won't be much to see. Three dozen nails hammered into the back of a commode does not attest to its strength in the line of action. Rather, it should make you suspicious. Good furniture uses few nails but, instead, screws and glue. (Yes, glue.) Don't look for the screws and glue. If the piece is well-made, they won't show. Screws will be countersunk—recessed deep within the wood and covered with plastic wood or pegs.

You can check upholstered furniture by sitting on it. Springs will be coil or zigzag and, of course, will be out of sight—we hope. Sit on one end of a sofa, bounce around a little. Have someone else sit on the other end. If the motion of some one getting up or sitting down on that end jolts the person on this end, the springs are poorly balanced. Foam-stuffed cushions should feel even and smooth and not hard or bumpy.

Fabric facts. The best thing we can say about fabric is "it depends." It depends on where you will be using it, how hard you will be using it, who will be using it and for what.

Kenneth Volz suggests you "check the tailoring on the upholstery: straight welts, even borders, well-hung skirts and smooth cushions."

Check the finish. All painted surfaces should be evenly coated and given a clear, protective finish to prevent chipping. Metal furniture should be smooth, with no protruding edges. Wood surfaces are a little trickier because they are usually veneered. On the one hand, the veneers are less expensive than solid wood and more resistant to heat and moisture changes. On the other hand, if the layers are not solidly glued together, your piece of furniture will literally start to come apart at the seams. So get close and check the corners and seams.

A word about shopping: Go armed with a tapemeasure. Furniture doesn't grow on the way to your home, but it always seems larger there.

Trust your instincts. Ron Frank tells us there are two inputs in a store, "visual—what you see—and verbal—what the salesman tells you. If these don't agree, this is a danger signal." In short, if the salesman is insisting this end table is wonderful, wonderful and you think it looks seedy, seedy—don't ever let yourself be talked into it. ■

RECYCLING

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The big problem with most such projects is one of money. Sales of all its recovered materials still do not cover costs of the Franklin plant. Of the $80 million appropriated for fiscal 1972, EPA got a scant $17 million to spend. Come spring, Congress will begin a new debate about resource recovery —including whether or not to keep the Solid Waste Management Office itself open beyond the July 1973 cutoff date.

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Remember Earth Day 1970, when experts opened public eyes to a whole new world—ours? That was 2½ years ago. William D. Ruckelshaus, head of the federal Environmental Protection Agency speaks of the environmental movement as "a very positive force in the country. I don't see it diminished." Neither, unfortunately, has our garbage. We've labeled it "solid waste" and a national headache. Our trash piles grow 4 to 6% a year. The only things really diminishing are our natural resources and space to put waste. Chicago's and Akron's land fill areas are, sorry, full. Land around Miami, Cleveland, Toledo and Oklahoma City will be filled up in a year.

Coming to grips with the problem means recycling has to begin at home—in your own community. Find out if your town has a sound plan to recycle solid waste, if your local government discriminates against recycling. Use your power at the ballot box to elect candidates who will boost recycling. Petition your legislators—your voice is important—to buy recycled paper, textiles, metals for city business. Write to manufacturers and companies in which you have stock; ask them to use recycled materials, to reduce excess packaging.

The country is dotted with private organizations that can offer facts and guidelines for setting up recycling campaigns. But one note of caution really should be made: Do your homework first. One good-hearted group ran a successful newspaper and bottle collection and ended up with a church filled with waste with no place to go. Know your markets.

And, most important, follow through with consumer action. No one expects you to give up *all* the conveniences of modern life, but think about products you buy—and packaging. Switch brands if you have to.

A representative of the Aluminum Association says most cans contain 20% or more recycled aluminum. The all-aluminum can is the one with the rounded bottom—there's no side seam or bottom rim. Recycle the aluminum you buy. Skip the bi-metal cans (aluminum mixed with steel). They can't be recycled.

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When you buy beverages, buy and take back returnable containers. All beers are supposedly available in returnables. So is Coca-Cola and Pepsi. You can't get all products in all areas. Ask your store manager for returnables—you can special-order them.

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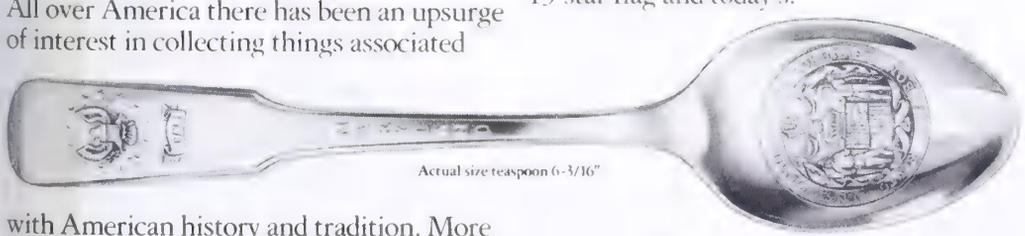
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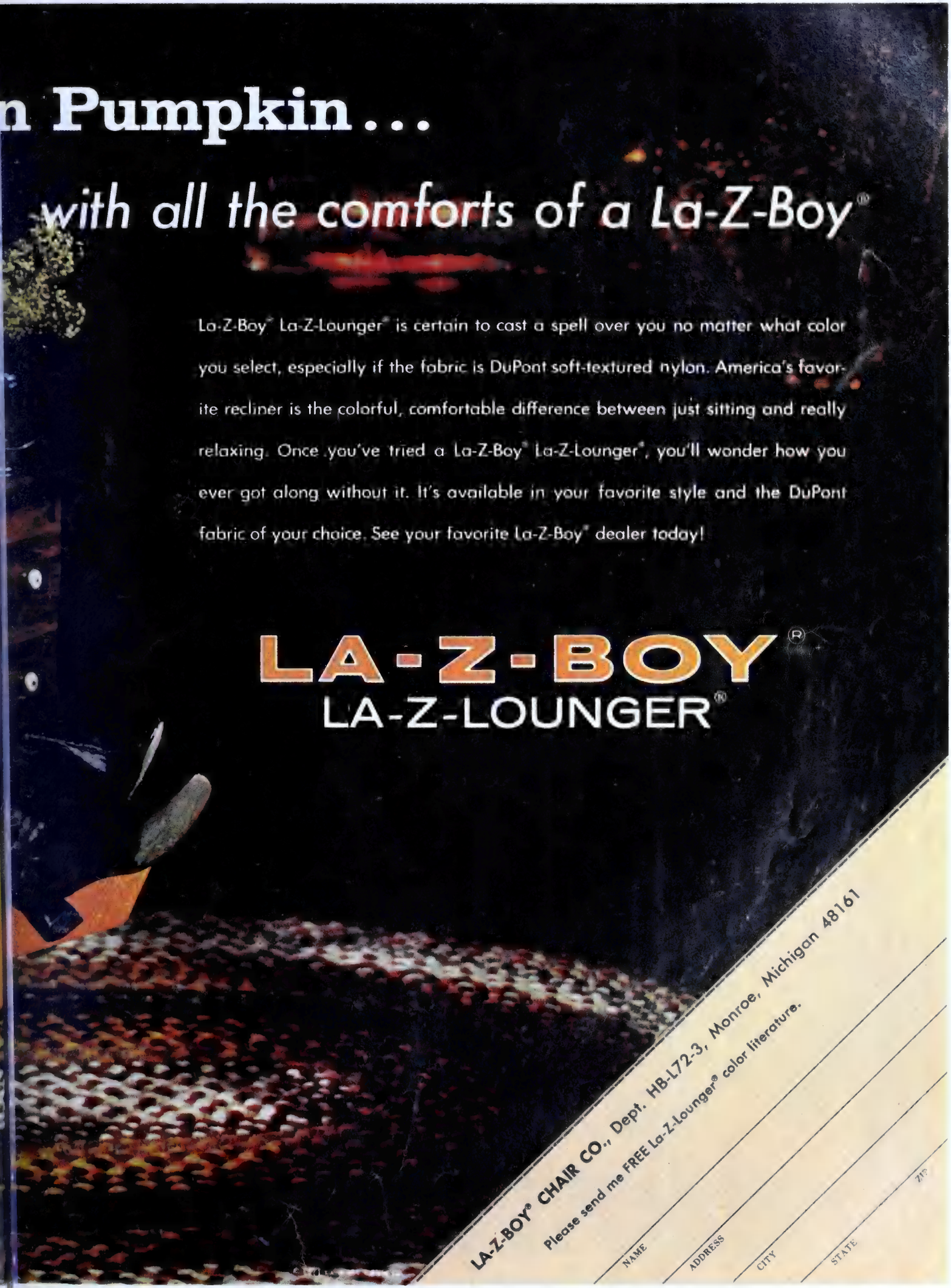
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insight

perspectives

At home as a writer: Judith Viorst

When I called Judith Viorst for an interview, she said I should come around noon if I didn't mind an unfancy lunch. "It's tuna fish," she said. "I have tuna fish every day of my life."

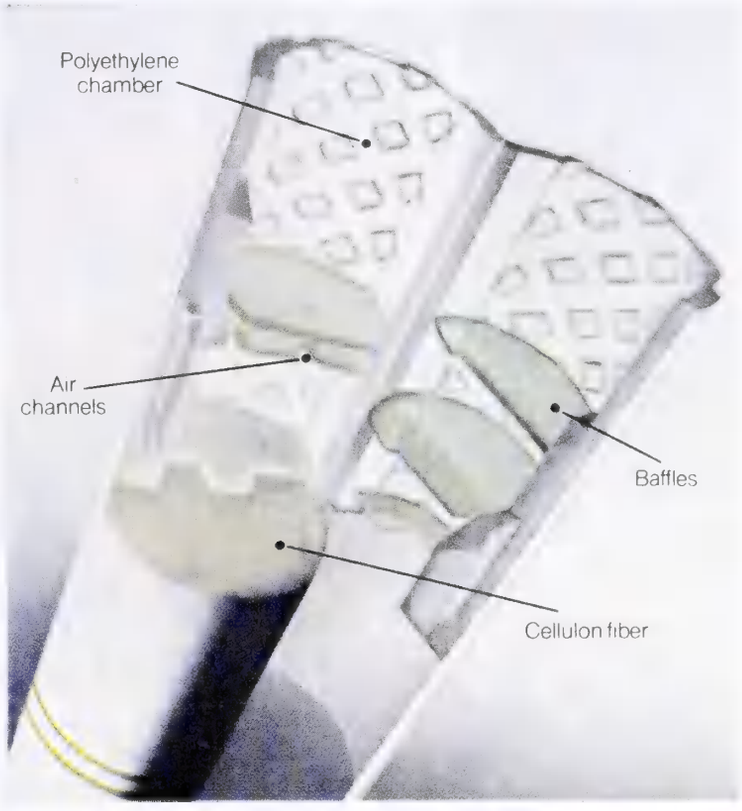
Most American women who eat tuna every day of their lives are complaining. They are angry and unfulfilled due to the unfulfilling young children that keep them tied to their unfulfilling households and husbands. But not Judith Viorst, author of *It's Hard to be Hip Over Thirty* and *People and Other Aggravations* as well as several children's books. She can say (as she has): "It's a dream come true, exactly what I've always wanted to do. I have the freedom, the independence, the flexibility—following no one's schedule but my own, being able to tailor my schedule to the needs of my household and three children. It's exactly what I've wanted to do since the age of seven."

So while the complaining housewife bleats about her lack of fulfillment—sometimes because it has become *de rigueur*—Judith Viorst knows that being single wasn't so swell and that marriage is better.

She and her husband, Milton, (a syndicated political writer for *The Washington Star*) live in an enormous nook-and-cranny Victorian house in Washington, D.C., with their three sons, Alexander, Anthony and Nicholas. It's a sprawling house with porches and bicycles everywhere. Judith is wearing a dark green pants suit, and she talks as she writes—with wry humor. In the kitchen, tuna salad, diet cola, crunchy bread (for nondieters) await us. (*Continued on page 20*)

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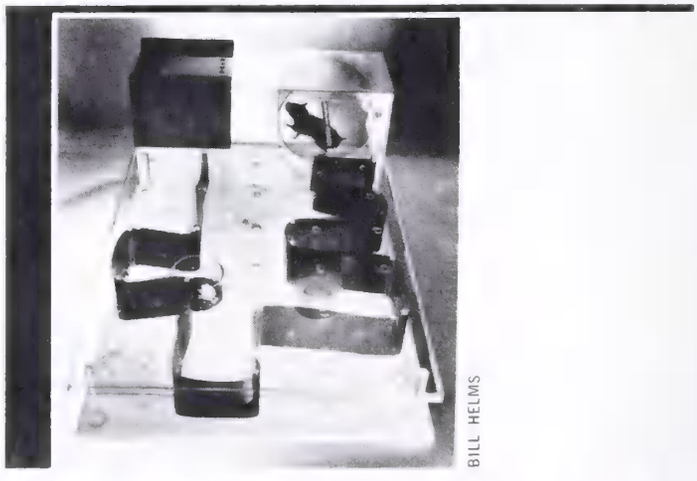
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The three toys below and the one on page 20 show Burton Wolf's children demonstrating the Bonniers collection.

The Electronic Tune Doodler by John Wood (*immediately below*) is a complex magnetic and electronic device made of satin-







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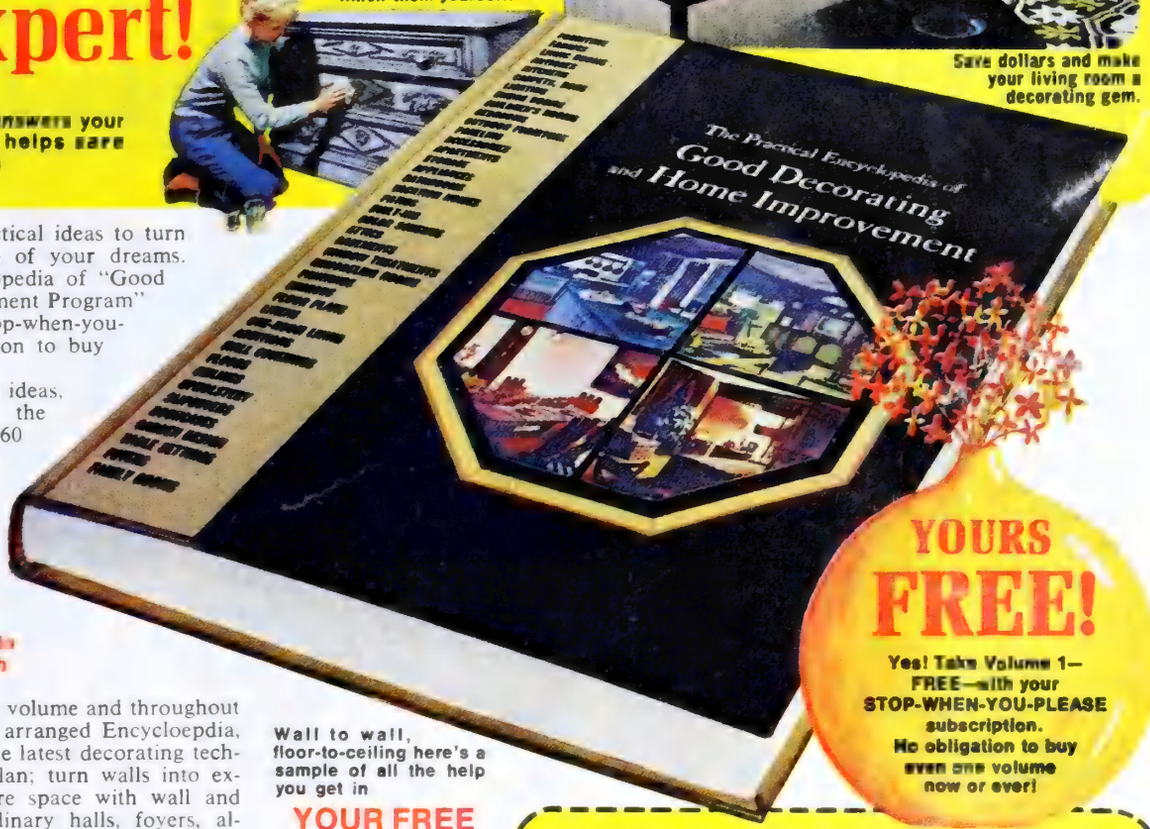


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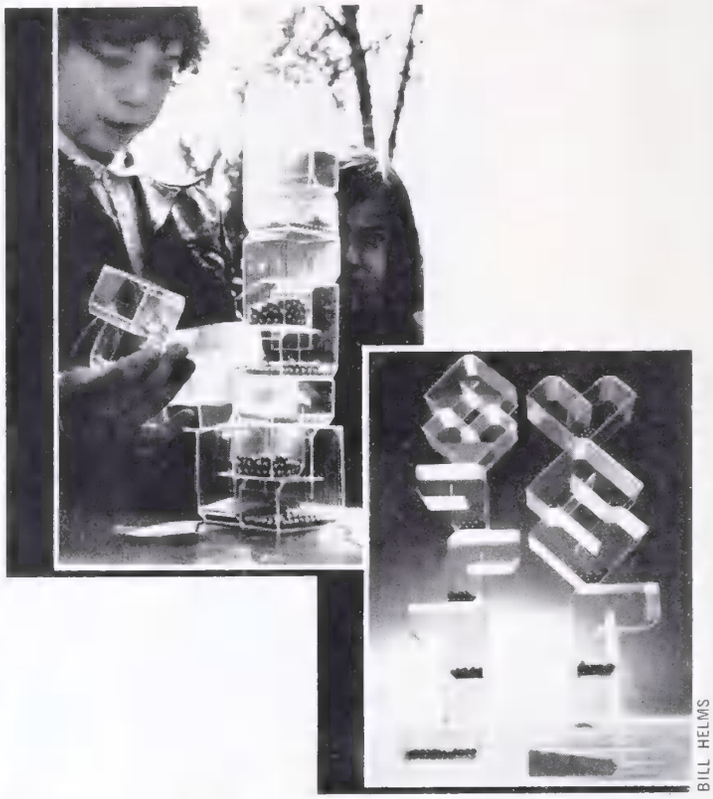
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either loose steel bearings or sand. As a result, these blocks can be cantilevered over one another.

The other toys are: Alik Cavaliere's intricately locked moneybox; Jean-Michel Folon's giant man-sized red, white and blue kite of knitted nylon; Nink de Saint Phalle's Nono Man male doll with accessories like an elephant's trunk, a pair of wings and the tail of a serpent; and Eugenio Carmi's White Book in which the author hopes to collaborate with his young readers. By following his lead, they can fill the pages of the book with their own art.

—SUSAN LEWIN

perspectives

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I ask what she thinks of Woman's Liberation. Dipping into the bowl of tuna, she replies: "I have areas of very great sympathy and support for it; I'm interested in the aspects that emphasize the advantages to *both* sexes, but I'm disturbed at the anti-man aspects. The most intelligent women talk about how nice it will be to have your husband around longer because you'll *share* the burdens and he'll be allowed to express his emotions. We have in many ways a liberated household.

"I would say we were rather perfect for each other in the dumb-luck way that things happen. You wouldn't know ahead of time. He's terribly attractive, strong, calm, unruffled.

"I'm emotional. I worry. I get nervous. I get upset. I cry. I holler and throw things. He balances this. Milton's confident of his masculinity, which is why—even before the invention of Women's Lib—he was fantastic with the children and was with them a lot. He does all kinds of things around the house—he's a completely unthreatened man. (*Continued*)



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He's been incredible to me in my work, kind of pushing, supporting, urging. If I say 'I can't do this,' he says 'Yes, you can.'

"I didn't like being single. I was single before Women's Lib, before the sexual revolution, and casual affairs and aspirations to major career achievement were not in my education. I had been taught that women get married. I liked living in New York, but I hated those terrible first-date conversations. Being charming and scintillating and explaining myself every time somebody else came along, handing out dossiers on myself and fending off men at the door. It was tiresome.

"Someone once remarked to me that if I hadn't gotten married, I might have written the great American novel, but I think

"I had been taught that women get married. I liked living in New York, but I hated those terrible first-date conversations"

if I hadn't gotten married, maybe I wouldn't have written anything. Milton and my life with him have given me the encouragement I needed to pursue writing. Marriage still seems to me the most feasible framework within which human relationships can flourish, within which men and women can find ease and comfort and joy. It's difficult for people to live well together, but uncommitted living seems to me to be an evasion, not a solution. I don't think it's a coincidence that I never had anything published before I was married to Milton.

"I always wrote. Deadly serious things, all with a spectacular lack of success. Very grim. The meaning of life. Death. Pain. Lust. Suicide. That sort of thing. I tried to work my way up the way they did in the articles—*True Confession, Women's Wear.*"

Her first book was called *The Village Square*. "I wrote about myself—a square, middle-class girl from New Jersey. But from some distance and marriage, it didn't seem as deadly serious as it had at the time—it seemed funny. I started writing about it and *New York* magazine published my first poem." Now she writes four articles a year for *Redbook* as well as a weekly column on marriage and the family.

Suddenly we were talking about aging. "I write a weekly column for the *Washington Star* and once I did a piece on my attitude toward aging. I was lying about my age, I wrote, which is really a stupid thing to do. I wasn't trying to be a movie star or keep the love of a lad of 22 and I wasn't trying to qualify for youth fares. It's demeaning and undignified and I'd like to say that I'm going to stop it. But I won't. A friend said that all the lines in your face that look as if you didn't sleep well suddenly are looked upon as permanent fixtures as soon as somebody knows your age. I don't want to be permanently young and I really feel that middle age is exactly suited to my temperament. For a long time I was under the impression that I was permanently 26. There were the old people—and me. But I would have liked to stop at 40.

"I didn't feel bad on my 40th birthday because I practiced saying I was 40 when I was 39. There really are no disadvantages to being 40 except for the downward pull of the body. My husband likes women—not girls—which is fantastic. The nicest thing he ever said was when he was covering the White House. He said Jackie Kennedy was much better looking in real life because you could see the lines on her face that made her look like a person. It's nice not to be married to someone whose notion of feminine beauty is a 21-year-old chick."

I ask about tomorrow's dinner party, her second in two weeks, and her views on entertaining. "It's exhausting and I'm Miss Overprogrammed of the decade. I am very aware of using houses so that they work for entertaining. There's no point in having a room that looks nice if there's no place to put things." By this time we had moved to the living room.

Will there only be couples at this party in a liberated household? "Everybody *is* married, but a few husbands who work in government may not be able to come. What's nice is that their wives will. They're delightful on their own, and I said, 'Come whether or not your husband can come.' (*Continued*)



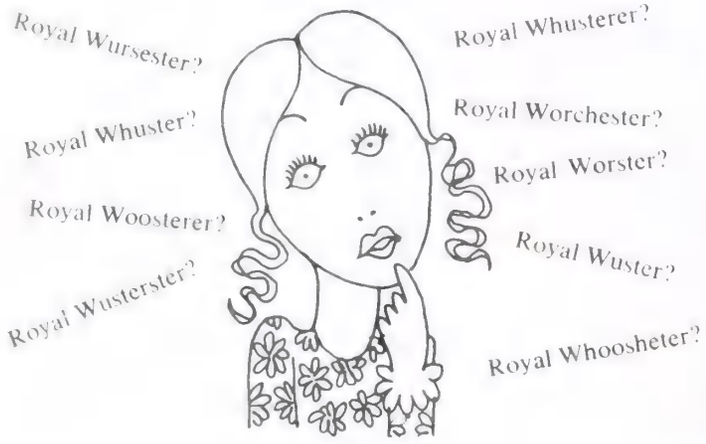
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She decorated the house herself because "that's part of the fun. I've never had my own office before. I've always worked in a corner of the bedroom. The children's floor is one unit in red, white and blue, but each boy has his own room. Even with my great efforts at manipulating them, it isn't quite what I wanted.

"Where we lived before is one of the central demonstration centers in Washington—kind of a hippie section. Our neighbors were rock musicians and young lovers. It was like downtown Manhattan, so it was hard for kids on bicycles. But it was ve y traumatic for me to think of moving. Anyway, our agent took us

"I'm not one of your laughing girls romping cheerfully through life and collapsing with mirth"

to see this house and we walked in that front entrance hall—and that did it. My father asked what kind of roof and what kind of heat, but it didn't matter to me whether there was any heat.

"We kept saying not much had to be done, but we had men here for six weeks painting and replastering and building radiator covers, which are important to my happiness. There's no morality to decorating yourself—I get a kick out of it."

"As for housework, I don't do enough to resent it and liberated or not, I have found great pleasure in relining shelves in the kitchen." She is a woman who says she's doing exactly what she's always wanted to do. "My experiences have exceeded my expectations, and I do think these are the best years of my life. I know what I love. I have what I love
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Please stop publishing the things I do not like. I like House Beautiful because it gives a world-wide picture of how all kinds of people live. Mod to antique, cottage to palace, seashore to ski slope, ranch to penthouse. Some of it is my cup of tea, the rest is for the next person. But please don't publish petty, narrow-minded letters—they are incredibly boring and uninformative.—B.B., Orange, N.J.

In my opinion the April and May issues of HB were done exceptionally well. The material covered a wide variety of interests and although naturally I don't expect everything in your magazine to suit my individual taste, I still found it all quite artistic.—M.B., Kew Garden Hills, N.Y.

Thank you for the marvelous list of herb farms in the January issue. I just wrote to get the catalogs. If we have a lovely herb garden and some sweet sachets, it will be thanks to Elvin McDonald.—Mrs. C.P., Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

The cover of your May issue is a room of broken rules—and dreams. If each pattern and each color were a plate of food, it would be an international buffet called Ptomaine.—C.R.T., Pottsville, Pa.

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I thought your May issue was one of the best you have pubished in years. Please continue such excellence. —V.P.S., San Francisco

I commend you on the article about the transformation of the house in Cincinnati [May]. What an exciting story! I love to read about people who take an interest in our cities and renovate the older homes they find there. I visited Cincinnati about a year ago, and was so charmed by the area that I took a few pictures, and the Colliers' home was one of those that I photographed. It was fascinating to read the story of this house, since I was familiar with it.—J.B., Peoria, Ill.

Your May issue was truly a delight—particularly the Decorating Scrapbook. Let's have more like that one.—N.M.G., Massillon, Ohio

building

Quickly now, would it be all right to select wood flooring for your kitchen? "No" is what most of us are conditioned to answer. "Yes" is the right response now. In fact, floors in the kitchens of an award-winning community near Minneapolis are factory-prefinished wood plank. These "country kitchens" appear in the Timberlake model, a part of the Chelsea Woods subdivision by Ban-Con Inc. As little as 10 years ago, wood was generally considered impractical for the wear and spillage that's inevitable in a kitchen. But factory finishes now protect wood as traditional varnishes and shellacs never could. The flooring in the Chelsea Woods house was treated first with a penetrating sealer, then filler-finished using an infrared baking process. Finally, a special paste wax was applied under heat, then buffed. The Chelsea Woods subdivision won a design award recently from the American Wood Council.

Shiny surfaces on furniture and wallcoverings—the "wet look"—is still quite fashionable. How to achieve that look on your own has become easier. Spray it on now with quick swishes of Wet Paint, a very high-gloss enamel produced by Illinois Bronze. There are 10 glistening colors packaged in 16-ounce aerosol cans. The price per can: around $2. These new spray paints ought to be available locally. If you cannot find them, write the company for a source: Illinois Bronze Powder & Paint Co., Lake Zurich, Ill. 60647.

Women's Lib has finally reached the august halls of the American Institute of Architects. For the first time in its history, AIA's Board of Directors has had two feminine members serving this year. Faye DeAvignon, a fifth-year student at the Boston Architectural Center, serves on the board as a representative of students who make up AIA's Association of Student Chapters. Sarah P. Harkness, a director of Architects Collaborative in Cambridge, Mass., was appointed chairman of the Institute's commission on building design, serves on the board as such.

Have you had a feeling that there are more suburban apartments than ever before? You're right. Census figures for 1970 show that suburban apartments increased during the past decade by 96%. In 1960, there was one suburban apartment for every four city apartments. By 1970, the ratio of suburban apartment to city apartment had become one for two.

There's an energy crisis in the nation, as most of us have been told repeatedly. Turning off lamps doesn't seem a very dramatic way to relieve the crisis. Cutting back on winter heat or summer cooling probably strikes you as too se'f-sacrificing. How about this idea: Reduce your fuel costs. That's right. Save money on heating and cooling, and help the country. Better insulation is the means. A fully insulated house with storm windows and doors or double-glazed thermal windows substantially reduces fuel intake by retaining heated or cooled air longer. Yes, you spend money to insulate your home further. But you'll regain that money in yearly fuel savings. The National Mineral Wool Insulation Association projects a saving of 8,200 trillion BTUs of energy (worth about $17.2 billion) over









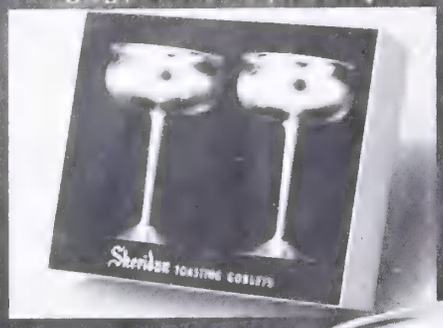
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the next decade, if (1) three of four new dwellings are fully insulated: (2) one of four existing houses is reinsulated and (3) storm windows are added to one in eight existing houses.

America swims. Probably more than any other nation, since we now own 2,250,000 pools, including those built above ground and operating on a filtering system. But not all Americans have pool know-how before plunging. Accidents happen, and more than a few result from diving into a too-shallow pool. Fortunately, something is being done, at least for new pools built under a Pool Registry Program of the National Swimming Pool Institute. The experts know the proper relationship between the size and height of a diving board and the depth of water. Pools registered in the NSPI program conform to standards that match the right board with the right depth. If a pool is built too shallow, no board is installed, and it becomes a dunking pool, not a diving pool. If you want more information, write NSPI at 2000 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Water appearing in the basement after every heavy rainfall? The solution may be a sump pump. Pump the water out before it collects. Where is the pump installed? In a sump. What is a sump? A hole in the basement floor, sometimes covered, sometimes uncovered. All these pumps are built ruggedly. They have to be or they'll corrode out of order in no time. But a few may be more rugged than others. One made by Genova and called Some Pump is more resistant to corrosion than most, according to the manufacturer. The reason: Practically the entire casing is made of rigid vinyl, which is unaffected by salts, minerals, iron or anything else normally found in ground water. Retail price for the new pump ranges between $50 and $60, and installation depends on local labor rates and the nature of the job.—JOHN INGERSOLL

beauty

Question: Do blondes have more fun? Second question: Do blondes look younger? Although no one has the final answer, lots of women behave—proof or no—as if it were true. One of the best ways to be blonde and beautiful—*and thoroughly clean!*—is to put yourself in the expert care of Rose Reti, a superb colorist who has her own shop at 128 E. 56th St., N. Y. C. Not only is the coloring expert, but so are the scalp treatments (*essential*), facials, manicures, pedicures, eyebrow waxing and eyelash tints. I had them all! The works!

Although most of her clients are blonde (as Mme. Reti herself is), the women are not turned out with identical hairdos. (Isn't that a blessing for those of us who zealously guard our Identity and still like to look reasonably modish?) Mme. Reti, a



soft-voiced, gentle Hungarian woman with a knowledgeable concern for women's hair, scalp and face, says, "I don't like a uniform look. I like individualism. My operators look at *you*—not the stylebook. Each face is different and deserves a different hair style. What enhances your face may not mine."

She throws away the old theory of brushing your hair 100 strokes a day for shiny hair. "It's fine when you're young and your hair is strong, but not now when the hair is weakened from so much processing. I prefer hairbrushes with natural bristles, but I don't encourage too much brushing for tinted hair. It just causes more breakage." (*Continued*)



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How does one start a beauty shop and develop a philosophy? in 1940, Mme. Reti came from Budapest, where she had her own shop. Her husband, a mechanical engineer, was in the Hungarian Army and "We didn't want him to fight on the German side." (Mme. Reti gets points for character as well as coloring.) "In 1940 it was difficult to sell a pedicure in New York. At that time hairdressing was completely different in Europe and America. In Europe the distinction between upper and lower classes was greater. In America secretaries went to the hairdresser once a week. Not in Hungary. My shop was strictly aristocratic and only the wealthy would go."

Attitudes toward beauty? "The American client ran to the beauty shop in a hurry. *Quick*! Wash, set, manicure. If a European woman was in a hurry and didn't have the time for the whole thing, she would not say 'Give me a shampoo.' She would say, "Give me a good oil shampoo. Today I'm in a hurry, but I must have shiny hair.' It's important to do a thorough job. If she were not in a hurry, she got a scalp treatment, facial, pedicure and manicure. Even a medium-price shop in Europe offered all that, but when I came to the United States eyelash tints were forbidden by law."

Progress! "Many women who don't wear wigs but use too much hair spray now realize the importance of thoroughly cleansing the scalp. Washing is not enough." Mme. Reti whispers. "So many women rely on wigs and come in with very dirty scalps. More than anyone, these wearers of wigs have scalps that need a thorough cleansing."

This applies to the face as well. Yvette, the facialist, has her turn: "First we do a thick cleansing. We peel the skin, take off the first coat. Just the dead skin. Then a deep cleansing with proper massage. If you do not massage properly, no good." The type of facial depends on the skin—oily, dry, normal and *where*. (Nose skin is not the same as forehead skin.) "At night I am totally against to sleep"—a Parisian accent—"with creams. You don't sleep in your clothes so give your face a rest. Each woman is special type. When we do a makeup, we adapt to the woman's face. *Nobody can be ugly any more*!"

How did Mme. Reti decide on my hair treatment? "I touched your hair. I know hair as a dressmaker knows material. She knows that with a heavy material she cannot give me flare or pleats. I know hair that way. I gave *you* the high-frequency treatment (a vibrator that rumbles over the scalp) because your hair grows very slowly and it is fine and undernourished. *Your hair is suffering*." (It certainly is and I am too!) "You're not a girl who can take six treatments and forget about it." (Alas, woman's work is never done.) "Your hair needs constant care and you cannot overbleach it." Although she was referring to my hair, this applies to one and all.

At this point, a woman—her own head towel-wrapped and evidentally in need of treatment—came over, and volunteered praise. "I've been coming here for 21 years. When I travel, I save my hair for Mme. Reti. I wouldn't think of letting anyone touch it. For care and color—no one is a better expert." Mme. Reti smiles radiantly with great pleasure.—SUE NIRENBERG

decorating

Simmons has all the answers—especially when the question is "How to Buy a Sofa." In fact, that's the name of the company's new 12-page booklet—a guide to the various styles of Hide-A-Bed sofas and casual sleep sofas from Simmons. It counsels you on what to look for in a sofa, what to consider when planning a room scheme or redecorating and provides pointers on space, color, light and fabric. Send 50 cents to Simmons Co., 2 Park Ave., New York City 10016.

What are the "Affordables"? A new rock group? Guess again. In this case, the name refers to a new collection of chrome-and-glass furniture from Barwick. Prices are, you guessed it, affordable. Useful, too. The multipurpose table with coordinating directors' chairs are for dining in a small area or for the games people play. (*Continued on page 47*)

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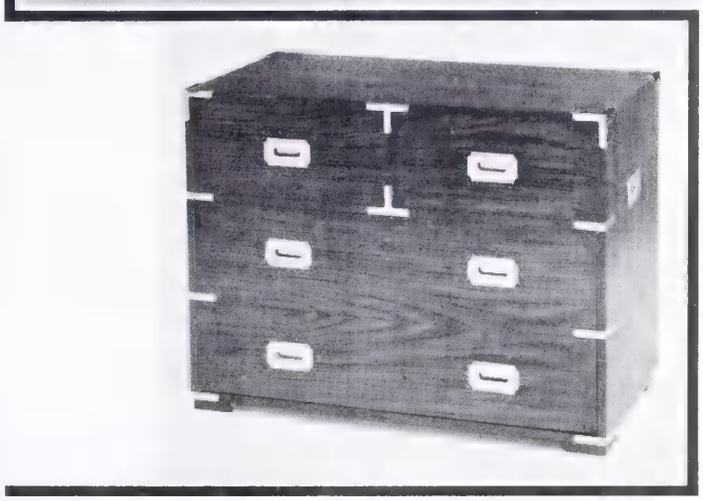
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Different types of machines, naturally, have different life expectancies. Some machines simply have fewer moving parts and less to go wrong with them. Just because you've gotten 15 years of service from a refrigerator doesn't mean you can expect the same from your clothes dryer.

The life-expectancy question has particular application when you're considering whether a machine is worth repairing or not. Here, compiled from many sources—appliance manufacturers, government studies and service experts—is a chart of the average lifespans of major appliances operated by consumers in their homes:

Clothes washer	10 years
Clothes dryer	13 years
Dishwasher	10 years
Freezer	17 years
Range	16 years
Refrigerator	15 years
Room air conditioner	12 years
TV set	8 years
Vacuum cleaner	15 years

Your common sense will tell you that these figures can be applied only roughly to your own machines. As "average" figures, they include appliances that lasted twice as long and some that failed soon after delivery. So you can use these figures only as a general guide. For example, if you're beginning to have serious trouble with an eight-year-old washer, you've probably reached its retirement age. On the other hand, don't discard a perfectly good machine when a minor defect develops, just because the chart above shows your time is up.

As the manufacturer indicated, the actual number of years is only part of the story. The use-age of an appliance is just as important as its chronological age. If each machine had an odometer, like a car, you'd know how many miles of use you'd put on it. But it doesn't. You're the only one who can judge whether you've driven it constantly (like the family car) or only occasionally (like the little old lady's Sunday buggy). If your appliance is ailing, the chart will help you make the right prognosis, but by all means do not be a slave to it.

—RICHARD PETERS

address book

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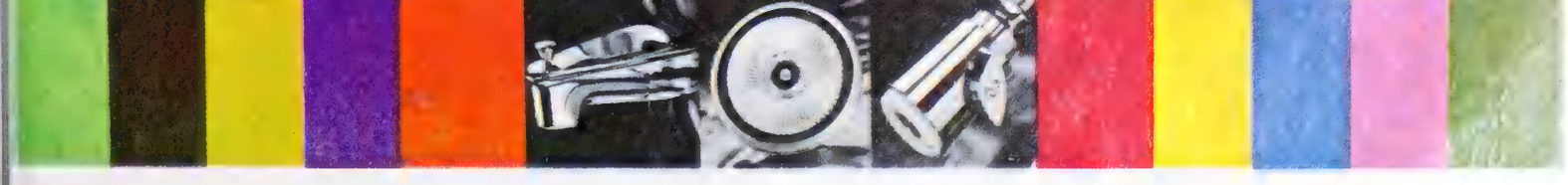
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CORRECTION

In May 1972 issue under ARCHITECTURE: Brownstone Revival Committee of New York City should read "44-page manual" not "141-page manual."

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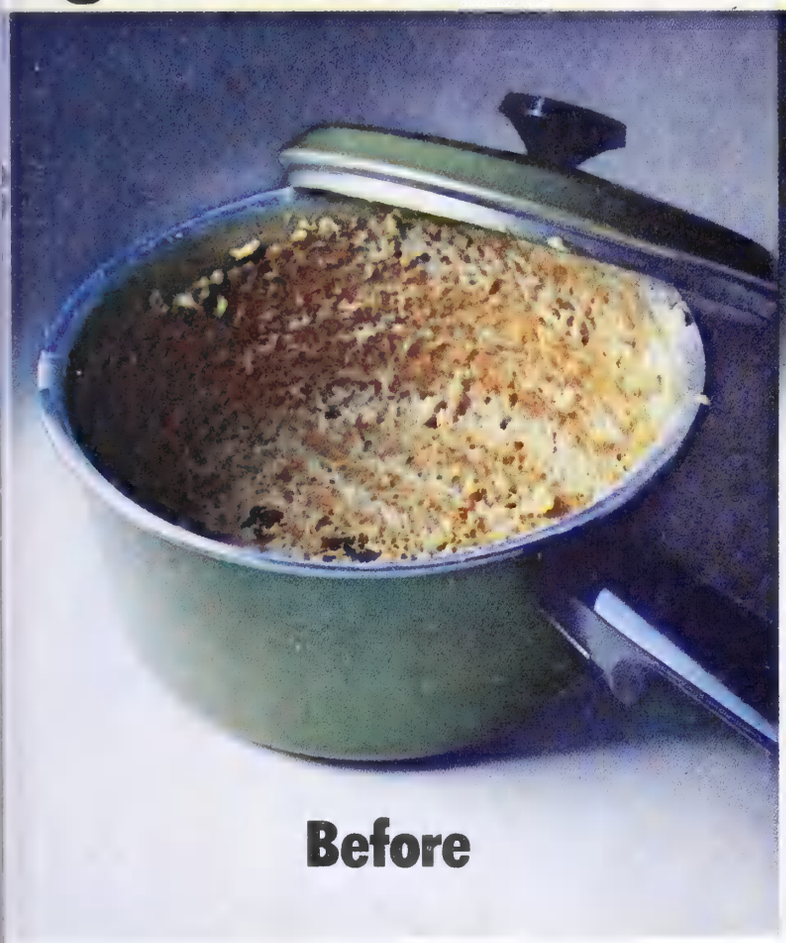
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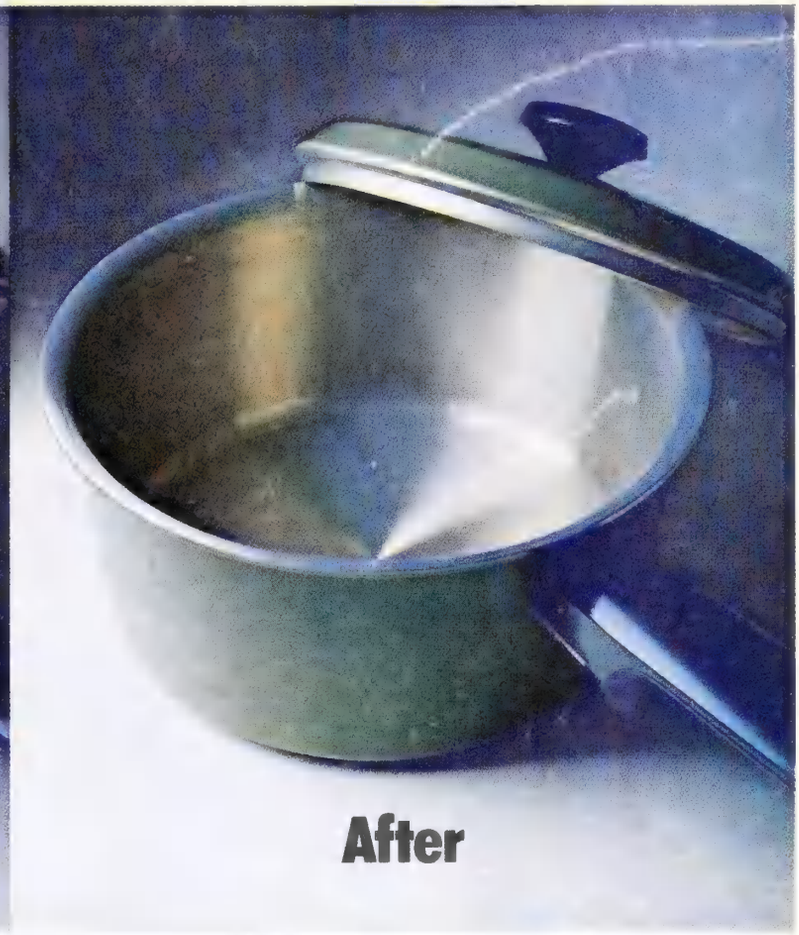
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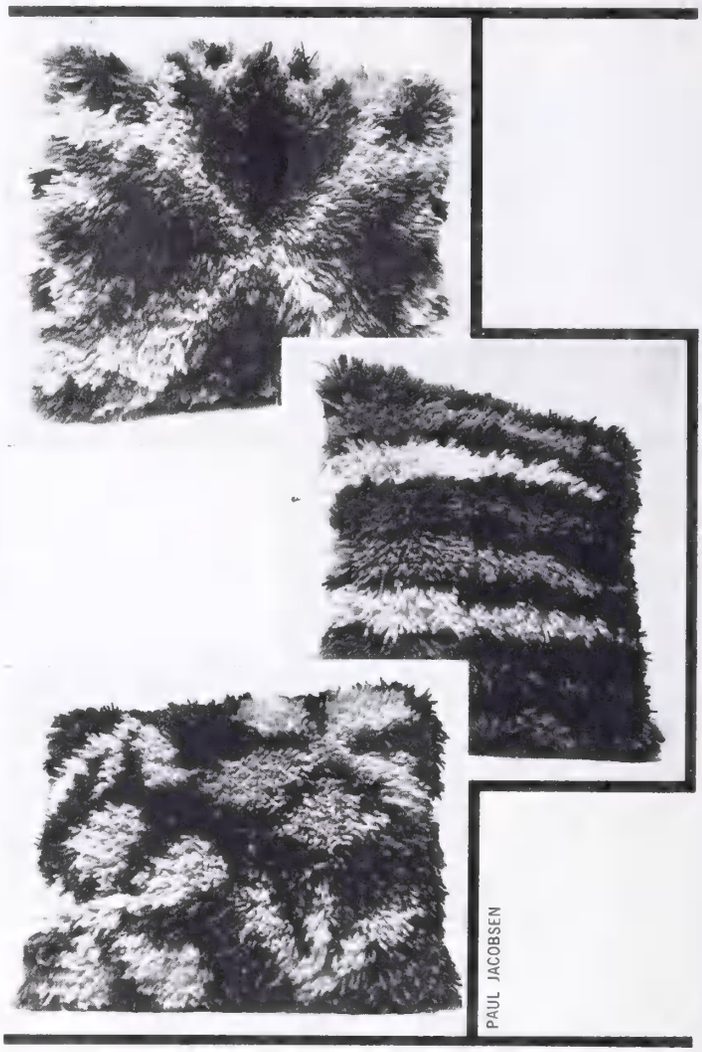
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—ANNE OGDEN

books

Antiques and less ancient treasures are subject to time's wear. To keep them in top shape, *Housekeeping with Antiques* by Lee Parr McGrath (Dodd, Mead & Co., $5.95) provides some helpful advice. The author suggests preferred cleaning techniques, as espoused by museum and restoration curators, for such things as metals, china and glass, and she covers, as well, the prevention of damage to oil paintings. The information here is adaptable to objects other than antiques. For instance, she tells us a glass vase that's ruddy with sediment can be cleaned with water and chopped raw potato or uncooked rice. Along with the do's she shows caution with plenty of don't's so that, in a flurry of excitement, you won't ruin what you've set out to preserve. At the end is a long list of restorers and cleaners for all kinds of household items.

To reproduce folk design look at *American Folk Decoration* by Jean Lipman, instruction by Eve Meulendyke (Dover paperback, $3.95). This is a republication of a work originally published by Oxford University Press in 1951. The illustrations and accompanying text give detailed how-to's for decorations on furniture, accessories and fabrics. Though one aches for more color illustrations, there is a chart of the 12 colors most commonly used. For any do-it-yourselfer, this book is a gem. By the same author,

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For the beginning macramé-er, *Macramé Fashions and Furnishings* by Charles Barnes and David P. Blake (Hearthside, $8.95) has good instructions and clear diagrams for making a variety of belts, tunics, wallhangings and accessories. The book's drawbacks are a lack of variety in both knots and projects and the omission of a source list of cord suppliers.

Another project you might try is découpage—especially good for Christmas gifts. Leslie Linsley's book, *Découpage: A New Look at an Old Craft* (Doubleday, $3.95), is a simple, straight-talking guide to making boxes, napkin rings, plaques and a number of other useful, decorative objects. The instructions are detailed and the projects simple enough for beginners.

To some craftsmen, leatherwork carries the same mystique as carving in marble: One slip of the chisel or wrong slice of the knife and the marble/leather is doomed forever. Leatherworking, however, has finally been rescued from the atelier by a readable, finely illustrated and fairly comprehensive beginner book, *Working with Leather* by Xenia Ley Parker (Charles Scribner's Sons, $8.95). Clear instructions include how to buy skins and know their characteristics; essential tools needed; and varied methods of sewing and using patterns. The book closes with 12 easy how-to projects constructed from handmade patterns or commercial ones that you buy.

For the gardener, *Garden in Your House* by Ernesta Drinker Balard (Harper & Row, $6.95), a revised edition of her classic, is a book to be trusted, for Mrs. Balard is a true gardener, one of the world's most knowledgeable. The cultural advice is based on what she has actually experienced in her Philadelphia house and greenhouse, and the plant descriptions are based on specimens in her own collection. Perhaps most valuable of all the guidance in Mrs. Balard's book are the detailed plans for indoor gardens in various situations, determined by space, light and temperature.

In another homefront area, a lot of us fret about what's in the food we eat—exactly what, in terms of chemical content and other additives in processed foods. A new dictionary has been published to enlighten the worriers. From it, you'll at least know what you're eating, and what you might want to avoid—if possible. The book, *A Consumers Dictionary of Food Additives* by Ruth Winter (Crown, $5.95), is an extensive listing of additives with a careful up-to-date examination of their harmful or safe traits.—ANNE OGDEN

gardens

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Whatever the authors' intentions, most gardening books are more for reference than reading. But there is one garden writer whose books always read well. That is Beverley Nichols, an English gardener's gardener, an even more refined creature than a gardener's gardener. Nichols' latest, *The Gift of a Garden* (Dodd, Mead, $7.50) is a condensation of his first three books, *Down the Garden Path, A Thatched Roof* and *A Village in a Valley.* For yourself or anyone who loves a garden —this is most definitely the book to read.

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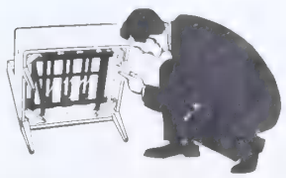


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Stuffy may once have been the image of the American Horticultural Society, but no more. It is fast becoming a clearing house, meeting place and common ground for amateurs, nurserymen, conservationists—indeed, all gardeners everywhere. The society's monthly *News & Views* is truly newsy and contains views worth knowing. For example: A majority of students interviewed at the South Carolina School for the Blind feel that "gardens for the blind" found in many areas of the country tend to "isolate, segregate, paternalize, sentimentalize and generally exploit the blind for the benefit of others"—an opinion also voiced by the American Foundation for the Blind.

Or consider this bit of information: Tass, the Soviet news agency has published information that soil organisms, given the right conditions, can break down DDT and render it harmless within a month. According to the Soviet report, micro-organisms in the soil will reduce DDT to water and volatile products, some of which the organisms apparently eat. This biochemical process is aided by temperatures of about 86 degrees, high humidity and certain organic compounds in the soil.

And for our Good Signs of the Times department, this report from Houston: The Fannin Bank has redirected its advertising budget for the next three years to underwrite the cost of planting trees and shrubs along some of the city's major thoroughfares—a unique and laudable interpretation of where the advertising dollar buys the most good will.

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Cookbooks 1972

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By HELEN McCULLY □ Looking over the cookbooks published in 1972, it seems to have been a lean year—lean in quality, not necessarily in quantity.

Of the handful of books that rate the description "distinguished," *James Beard's American Cookery* (Little, Brown, $12.95) leads the field. In the opinion of this writer, it may well be one of the best cookbooks ever published in any language. Six years in the making, it is far more than a compilation of recipes; it is, in fact, "an epicurean journal" by America's greatest food authority. A walking encyclopedia on food, Beard explores every phase of American cookery in depth. Written with enormous charm, this is a book to read, to savor, to study, to love and, importantly, to cook with. And it is an exceptionally handsome book, with illustrations by Earl Thollander.

The year spawned two Chinese books, *The Chinese Cookbook* (Lippincott, $12.50) by Craig Claiborne and Virginia Lee and *The Step-by-Step Chinese Cookbook* (Crowell, $10) by Georges Spunt. Trained in depth in French cookery, Claiborne writes he was "blindly in awe of cooking Chinese" until he met and studied with China-born Virginia Lee. That, in a sense, was his downfall and he became hooked on Chinese cooking. The fortuitous result is this excellent cookbook with color photographs and recipes written so clearly, so explicitly, that even a neophyte shouldn't hesitate to tackle this unique cuisine. The secret, of course, is mastering the cutting, slicing and chopping techniques that the writers spell out clearly and illustrate with drawings. Since many of the ingredients called for are not readily available in the average supermarket, there is a list of shops (national) that carry Chinese foodstuffs and those that will mail nonperishables.

The Step-by-Step Chinese Cookbook, a much more ambitious work, covers the eight styles of classic Mandarin cookery in detail, followed by recipes from the simplest (dumplings, for example) to the very involved and classic Three-in-One (a boned duck stuffed with boned chicken, stuffed with squab, stuffed with bird's nest). The author is obviously extremely knowledgeable about Chinese cooking, has been a student of master chefs in China, where he also taught cooking, and currently gives cooking classes San Francisco.

Curiously and interesting the only 1972 cookbook devot to French cooking is *Simca Cuisine* (Knopf, $8.95) by S mone Beck, in collaboration wi Patricia Simon. Mme. Beck, author with Julia Child of V ume II of *Mastering the Art French Cooking*, has been " the professional practice of t cuisine" for 20-odd years. general, her book reflects the dividual cuisines of Norman (where she was born), Alsa (where her husband was bor and Provence (where she a her husband now have a count house). In this extremely cap vating book, the author giv unusual menus for both form and informal occasions with re pes that seem both refreshi and within the realm of any co with a head on her shoulde Mme. Beck emphasizes that most instances the dishes c be made in advance and all gredients called for are availa in this country. This is a coo book to own, use and enjoy.

A Book of Middle Easte Food (Knopf, $10) by Egyptia born Claudia Rosen embrac Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iran, T key, Greece, Iraq, Saudi Arab Yemen, the Sudan, Algeria, nisia, Morocco and Israel—t ancient heart of the Middle Ea As this excellent book sho this distinctive cooking is l no other in the whole world. exotic dishes, often vivid w spices, make up a cuisine th has been evolving for thousan of years. Although sometim elaborate, Middle Eastern co ing is, on the whole, easy a economical. With this book, a imaginative cook could add fresh fillip to her menus.

An accomplished cook French," Susan Derecskey m ried a Hungarian and plung right into "cooking Hungaria Result: *The Hungarian Co book* (Harper & Row, $10). Mrs. Derecskey writes, "Unic and on a par with the gr schools of cooking, Hungar cuisine is basically straightf ward, using for the most p familiar techniques and av able ingredients." In addition a splendid co'lection of reci garnered from friends, fam and restaurants, there is a n on Hungarian wines by the thor's husband.

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Homemade (Atheneum, $13.95) by Sandra Oddo is, as the jacket says, "An alternative to supermarket living." What Mrs. Oddo has done is "rescue" (her word) recipes from the 19th-century. The end result is quite a fascinating book and, for people who like to read about food, a delicious stroll down memory lane. *The Summertime Cookbook* (Macmillan, $6.95) by Marian Burros and Lois Levine, is designed to help you eat elegantly with a minimum of work when the temperature is catastrophic. And if your love life isn't all you'd like it to be, you might want to look into *The Entertaining Woman's Cookbook* (Abelard-Schuman, $7.95) by Louise Montague Athearn. To give you a clue, we quote from the introduction: "Intrigue should abound in the kitchen as well as in the bedroom. A clever woman knows that a warm oven and a warm bed go hand in glove. Food is sexy and make no mistake about it. Eating and drinking, done properly, touch all the senses all the time. Truly fulfilling the needs of the man in your life is a test of your imagination, intelligence, ingenuity and seductive powers."

More solid fare, possibly, can be found in *Yankee* magazine's *Favorite New England Recipes* ($7.50), compiled by Sara B.B. Stamm and "the Lady Editors of *Yankee* magazine." "Receipts" from a quarter of a century of *Yankee's* files, as well as *The Old Farmer's Almanac* and the *Cape Cod Compass*, unite with a wealth of recipes from individuals (all brought up to date) to give this book the very fiber of good old New England cooking.

As Dorothy Ivens points out in the introduction to her *Pâtés & Other Marvelous Meat Loaves* (J.B. Lippincott, $7.50), if you make a meat loaf, you can make pâtés and terrines because that's what they really are. This excellent and useful book, illustrated by the author, also includes recipes for galantines, more formidable than pâtés and terrines but more glamorous menu and wine suggestions.

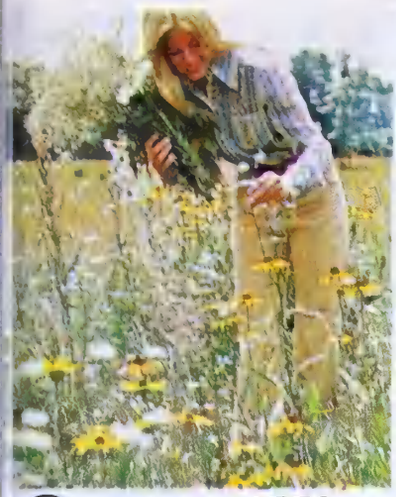
The Complete Fish Cookbook (Bobbs-Merrill, $10) by Dan and Inez Morris includes 500 ways to cook fish but, equally valuable, devotes well over a hundred pages to fish facts: How to buy, clean and care for fin fish and shellfish; how to cook fish —all fish—properly; a list of the most common fin fish and shellfish with regional names. The authors also emphasize the importance of fish as nature's most nearly perfect food, high in protein, vitamins and minerals, low in calories.

In The Hundred Menu Chicken Cookbook (Grosset & Dunlap, $6.95) by Robert Ackart, the author takes you around the chicken world in great gastronomic style. These are all one-pot recipes that are incredibly easy to prepare and with each you'll find suggestions for suitable accompaniments. The practical and thrifty cook who looks ahead will certainly find Margaret Deeds Murphy's *The Cook It and Freeze It Book* (Hawthorn, $6.95) a useful addition to her kitchen library. In addition to recipes, Mrs. Murphy includes basic freezing information.

American Heirloom Pork Cook Book (McGraw Hill, $5.95) by Gertrude Kable, manager of the Checkerboard Kitchens, is handsomely illustrated in color and runs the gamut from brunches to formal dinners. All cuts of pork, with cooking methods, are described in detail with information on storing, freezing, thawing.

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Another, somewhat more modest book, *The Wonderful World of Yogurt* (Hawthorn, $5.95) by Dorothy Parker, shows again how versatile yogurt is and how many times and in how many recipes it can be used as a substitute for cream. Both these books invite the cook to experiment in her own kitchen and discover what a great food yogurt really is.

The biggest book of the year (dead weight: five pounds) is *The American-International Encyclopedia Cookbook* (Crowell, $9.95) by Anne London, director of Homemakers Research Institute. There are just under 9,000 recipes (averaging one a day, it would take 25 years to exhaust the book) and more than 2,000 photographs in color and black-and-white. To this reviewer, it all seems much too much. *Cooking, to a Degree* (Hearthside Press, $6.95) by Mario N. Glasserow and Lois A. Brook, obviously written for the novice, has a lot of sound information tucked into its pages but is somewhat defeated by the format, coy captions and titles.

A handbook to ease the burdens of the handicapped homemaker, *Mealtime Manual for the Aged and Handicapped* (an Essandess Special Edition, $5.95) with an introduction by Howard A. Rusk, M.D., was prepared by the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center. As Dr. Rusk asks, "Have you ever tried to peel a potato or separate an egg yolk from the white with only one hand? Without bending your knees, can you pick up food spilled on the floor?" This unique book offers solutions for just such problems and includes some easy-to-follow meal plans with recipes. *Eating Your Way to Health* (Penguin, $2.95) by Bee Nilson is designed to help the home cook translate the doctor's instructions into varied meals when the at-home patient must have something other than a normal diet.

For children, Felipe Rojas-Lombardi has written *The A to Z No-Cook Cookbook* (R-L Creations, $5.95). Charmingly illustrated by Dorothy Ivens, Rojas-Lombardi initiates his young readers into the intricacies of the kitchen via his step-by-step techniques that couldn't be simpler, since he intelligently avoids using sharp knives, boiling water, electrical appliances or heat. Still, the "cook" can turn out a proud-making dish. *The Cook-along Book* (McKay, $6.95) by Barbara Wyden has an interesting approach. Believing that cooking can be made into a fun-and-growth experience for both children and parents working side by side, the author offers meal plans and recipes young people can prepare with or for their families, themselves and for entertaining young friends. Carrying on a dialogue with the young cook, Mrs. Wyden takes him (or her) all the way from cooking bacon to the high-hatted cheese soufflé. *The Mother's Cook and Cope Book* (Viking, $5.95) by Carolyn Lane and Pamela Zapata, with an introduction by the well-known pediatrician Marvin J. Gersh, M.D., is a compendium of nutritional information, sympathetic advice and some simple "child-tested" recipe favorites. The author's objective is to help parents juggle schedules with the baby's bottle and to cope with the eating habits of youngsters while satisfying the taste buds of other members of the family.

Betty Crocker's *How To Feed Your Family To Keep Them Fit & Happy . . . No Matter What* (Golden Press, $1) reviews the simple rules of today's nutrition. See here, how to cope with problem eaters, breakfast-shunners, vegetable-haters, picky eaters, over-eaters (*Continued*)

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In our current preoccupation with health foods, small wonder we have a number of new books on the subject. One such is *Whole-Grain Baking Sampler* (Keats Publishing, $6.95) by Beatrice Trum Hunter, author of *The Natural Foods Cookbook*. With all due respect to Mrs. Hunter, this reviewer pauses when she sees one bread recipe calling for unsulphured molasses and, on the very next page, one calling for black strap molasses. How can she possibly reconcile this difference? Another is *The Organic Yenta* (Atheneum, $6.95) by Maureen Goldsmith, which translates into the organic busybody. Love, the author tells us, started her down the natural foods path and although it (love) flew out the window, she has pursued the subject to the point where she has now put health and Jewish foods together and added "my own touch of splendor." *Home Bakebook of Natural Breads & Goodies* (Stackpole Books, $7.95) by Sandra and Bruce Sandler includes 25 different basic recipes for yeast bread and a special section on wheatless baking for the allergic.

Eating Your Way to Health (Penguin, $1.95) by Ruth Kunz-Bircher *et al* explores the nutrition philosophy of the famous Bircher-Benner Clinic in Zurich, Switzerland, which is based entirely on a vegetarian regime. In addition to diets for the healthy and a general guide to feeding children, there are low-fat, salt-free, diabetic, allergy and reducing diets, all with recipes. ***And in*** *Natural Food Cookery* (Seemann, $5.95), Marya Mavilya extols the virtues of food consumed in the raw state or prepared in a speedy, low-heat way to retain their natural values. *Delicious and Easy Rice Flour Recipes* (Charles C. Thomas, $5.50) by Marion N. Wood is of particular interest to those who must maintain a gluten-free diet. *The Vegetarian Epicure* (Vantage Books, paperback, $2.95; hardcover, $7.95) by Anna Thomas tempts you, although you may be a carnivorous creature, to join the herbivorous crowd. Her recipes are imaginative and it is no trouble at all to believe that a vegetarian meal cooked by the author would be an epicurean delight. And, finally, there's *The George Bernard Shaw Vegetarian Cook Book* (Taplinger, $5.95) by Alice Laden, former cook/housekeeper to G.B. Shaw, who had his eyes opened to "the savagery of meat" when he was 25 and who lived to 94. "My hearse will be followed not by mourning coaches," he once said, "but by herds of oxen, sheep, swine, flocks of poultry and a small traveling aquarium of live fish, all wearing white scarves in honor of the man who perished rather than eat his fellow creatures." The recipes sound very good. ■

AND ON WINES . . .

"Talking about wine has ever been one of the many pleasures this ancient and divine drink affords those who love it." And so saying, *The Wine Bibber's Bible* (101 Productions; cloth $6.95, paper $3.95) is just that—a relaxed conversation with James Norwood Pratt and Jacques de Caso on wines (and particularly California wines), beginning with an essay by Baudelaire, pausing to quote Virgil, Longfellow, Kipling and the first book on wines in English, stopping to look at Sara Raffetto's charming sketches. Like so many of the wine books published in the past year, this is a great add-on book to include in your wine library after you have your basics.

If those classic texts do not include Cyril Ray's 1966 *The Wines of Italy*, then pick up the new Penguin paperback edition ($1.45). It's a complete and thorough guide to the wines of Italy, largest wine-producing country in the world. A paperback to spend an evening with is *Wine and Your Well-Being* (Popular Library, 95 cents) by Dr. Salvatore Pablo Lucia. As director of medical research for the California Wine Advisory Board, Dr. Lucia obviously has a particular interest in wine, but he is, just as obviously, a man who loves his subject—and only about 100 of these 160 pages are actually concerned with the effect of wine on health. Still, those 100 pages might answer a lot of your own wonderings.

Of the many wine-making books now out, Bruce Palmer's *Wine-Making At Home* (Workman Publishing, $2.45) has to be one of the easiest to follow. Although he sometimes strains to be humorous, Palmer takes you step by step through making wine in bulk, home fruit wines, slip-skin squeezings—with details on legalities and sources for your equipment. A source list is about the only thing missing from *The Art of Making Beer* (Hawthorn Books, $5.95). Written by Canadian Stanley F. Anderson with Raymond Hull, it's a clear, readable guide with 29 recipes for beer, ale and other malt beverages.

Out of another era entirely comes the Dover edition ($2.50) of *The Romance of Wine* by H. Warner Allen, originally published in 1932. It's a fascinating study (*Continued on page 242*)

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. . . with booklets filled with new ideas, products and methods that can help you avoid making costly mistakes when you remodel, redecorate, build or buy your home. To order the ones you want, circle the appropriate numbers on the Reader Service Order Form inside the back cover of this issue. Enclose 50 cents for processing. To insure delivery, please include your zip code.

IDEAS FOR REMODELING

1. SMART WINDOW PLANNING. All new 24-page, full-color folder gives information on different types of wood windows and gliding doors; and on Perma-Shield windows and gliding doors which have sash and frame encased in lifetime rigid vinyl sheath. Helpful information for the home-planner or remodeler. **Andersen Corp. Free.**

2. LOW-MAINTENANCE EXTERIORS. Booklet presents solid vinyl sidings and asphalt roofing. Find out how these products can give you increased protection and economy. **Bird & Son Inc. Free.**

3. "HOW TO AVOID THE $8,000 MISTAKE." Honestly compares the advantages and disadvantages of today's six most popular siding materials—aluminum, asbestos, insulated, steel, vinyl and wood. "Must" reading before remodeling or building. **Certain-teed Products. Free.**

4. "LET'S LIVE COLOR." From **Tru-Test Paints**—32 pages of illustrated advice for the discriminating home decorator. Professional tips for use of color themes and new color contrasts, solving problems with color, antiquing and exteriors. Available at **True Value Hardware Stores. Cotter & Co. 25¢.**

5. BATHROOM FIXTURES AND FITTINGS. New brochure explains the difference between good, better and best bathroom fixtures and fittings, shows when and why it makes sense to spend more, explains differences between materials and helps select the right fixtures for any home or need. **Eljer Plumbingware Division. Free.**

6. STAINLESS STEEL SINKS DRAMATIZE ANY COLOR SCHEME! They offer a decorating flexibility that no other sink can match! Send for 32 page "Water Can Serve You Throughout Your Home," ideas for kitchen, bath and laundry. **Elkay Mfg. Co. 25¢.**

7. DECORATIVE HARDWOOD PANELING. Idea package includes colorful 16-page "Imagination" brochure, six folders illustrating exciting concepts in kitchens, recreation, living, dining, bedroom and storage areas, as well as detailed "How to Apply Paneling" instructions. **Georgia-Pacific Corp. 25¢.**

8. MAGIC CHEF. Gas and electric ranges in self-cleaning or continuous-cleaning 30-inch models. Glass-top electric range. Features like lift-up cooktop, removable oven door. Avocado, coppertone, harvest and white colors. Also countertop microwave oven in colors. **Magic Chef Inc. Free.**

9. LUCKY "SEVEN" FOOD CENTER. Seven fully sized, most needed appliances in food preparation operate from one rugged motor concealed beneath the counter. Flush-mount stainless steel counterplate snaps on to operate appliances. Solid-state switching of speed dial allows cycling in either direction. Saves time, money, storage space and avoids tangled cords and weight-lifting. For complete details write for catalog. **NuTone, Div. of Scovill. Free.**

10. PPG OPEN HOUSE/USA. A pictorial armchair tour of many exciting model homes across America—56 pages, full color. New glass and mirror ideas, plus dozens of decorating tips. **PPG Industries. 25¢.**

11. FASHION KITCHENS. Two exciting kitchen-design books . . . an oversize, deluxe 44-page, full-color book of dream kitchens illustrating the clean, uncluttered cabinet design of St. Charles Custom Kitchens. Hundreds of fresh ideas, color schemes, decorative hints for exciting kitchens. Bonus offer! St. Charles presents the "Choice Is Yours in Fashion Kitchens." Interesting array of fashion kitchens for today's woman. **St. Charles Mfg. Co. $2.**

12. CERAMIC TILE. Makes a lot of sense in a lot of rooms besides the bath. Imaginative ways to use ceramic tile for added beauty and value throughout your home are pictured in this new full-color booklet. **Tile Council of America Inc. 25¢.**

13. COUNTERPOINTS WALLCOVERINGS. A 16-page booklet of decorating ideas featuring the 28 designs in this outstanding collection; 15 full-color and 11 rich duotone photos in room settings, vignettes to spark your decorating imagination. **Albert Van Luit & Co. 50¢.**

14. DESIGNING ROOMS WITH PANELING. Six new booklets from U.S. Plywood offer imaginative and practical suggestions using Weldwood® prefinished paneling. Separate idea booklets for each room colorfully illustrate ways you can use the warm, natural beauty of Weldwood paneling throughout your home. Easy-to-follow installation instructions. **U.S. Plywood. 25¢.**

15. SPIRAL STAIRWAYS. Examples for homes, institutions and commercial installations, either custom-made or standard designs, are illustrated in full color in catalog no. 514. **Woodbridge Ornamental Iron Co. Free.**

BATH EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

16. NEW BATHROOM IDEAS. Full-color brochure illustrates a wide range of fresh new bathroom ideas. Personal hand showers for showering without wetting the hair, bidet attachment, tip-up teakwood bath seat, adjustable bathroom mirror and additional assortment of bathroom accessories. All bath ideas are ideal for remodeling. **Alsons Products Corp. Free.**

17. SOFTEE ACCESSORIES. Leaflet shows use of colorful plush Softee accessories in various combinations for an entirely new bath décor. A swatch of the lush pile 100% Orlon® fabric is attached to the leaflet for your examination. **Dorothy Dean Co. 10¢.**

18. GREAT BATHROOM IDEAS BEGIN WITH KOHLER. Colorful 32-page booklet P-731 offers bathroom and powder room planning and decorating ideas and assistance in fixture and fitting selection. Full-color reproductions, building and remodeling hints, floor plans and color coordinating ideas are all included. **Kohler Co. 25¢.**

19. THE "SASSY" LOOK IN BATHROOMS. A guide to decorator bathroom seats, as well as ideas with Magnolia "Sassy" stick-ons, consisting of colorful feminine eyes and mouth printed on self-adhesive, die-cut vinyl. Can be applied to bathroom fixtures, shower door, mirror or almost any other surface. **Magnolia Products. 25¢.**

20. THERE'S ONLY ONE. A complete line of quality bathroom and kitchen single-handle mixing valves is shown in this full-color six-page catalog of plumbing fixtures and trim. **Moen/Division of Stanadyne. Free.**

BEDDING

21. HARVARD BED FRAMES. A new folder describes and illustrates the most popular styles of Harvard bed frames, including the CXL frame for queen-size bedding, discusses the various types of mobility Harvard offers and tells which is best for different kinds of floorcoverings. **Harvard Manufacturing Co. Free.**

22. MATTRESS AND SHEET GUIDE. Descriptive color folder of Spring Air back-supporter mattresses. Includes handy listing of mattress and sheet sizes. **Spring Air Co. Free.**

BUILDING MATERIALS

23. HANDBOOK OF WOOD STAINS. Handsomely illustrated full-color booklet discusses common problems on types of stain, how to apply, color effects, exterior and interior staining, stains for furniture, helpful hints for better results, when to stain and paint. **Samuel Cabot. 25¢.**

24. REDWOOD HOMES. Award-winning new booklet features architect-designed homes of distinction. The redwood houses represent contemporary design from different parts of the country. Emphasis is placed on redwood's suitability to various sites. **California Redwood Association. 25¢.**

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25. WINDOW STYLES BOOKLET. The ABCs of window styles fetchingly presented together with window facts, features and planning questions and answers, in a brochure entitled "Caradco Classics." The booklet includes striking, full-color illustrations in 22 delightful pages. **Caradco Division—Scovill Mfg. Co. 50¢.**

26. PELLA WINDOW & DOOR IDEAS. Colorful booklet shows double-hung and casement and awning windows along with sliding glass patio doors in conventional wood or clad with low-maintenance aluminum. Wood folding doors are also included in contemporary and traditional homes. **Rolscreen Co. Free.**

CARPETS & FLOORING

27. FLOOR IDEAS IN HARDWOOD. A 12-page color booklet illustrating and describing every available type of decorative hardwood floor for use in homes. Includes fashionable new dark finishes, beautiful random-width floors, block patterns, pegged floors and a variety of traditional strip types. **Bruce Flooring, Division of Cook Industries Inc. 25¢.**

28. OMAR BY COURISTAN. Fine Oriental-design rugs are shown in many beautiful colors, including Kermans, Sarouks, Bokharas as well as lovely Herez designs. **Couristan. 50¢.**

29. CONGOLEUM FLOORING BOOKLET. A useful booklet that contains many decorating hints. The focal point is the flooring, since decorating can be done from the floor up. Numerous room scenes are displayed so that the consumer can get the impression of how today's designs in floor covering can be utilized in imaginative ways. **Congoleum Industries. 25¢.**

30. CARPET BOOKLETS. New group of color folders featuring a wide variety of carpeting. Both Wilton and tufted carpets are shown in room scenes and the full-color line of each is highlighted in this artistic presentation. **Downs Carpets. Free.**

31. FLOORING BOOKLET. Now anyone can easily install an attractive floor anywhere in his home with either convenient Flintkote Peel and Stick adhesive-backed tile or conventional "dry back" tile using brush-on adhesive. Booklet shows complete color line. **Flintkote Co. Free.**

32. CARPET FIBER BOOKLET. Acrilan® acrylic 2,000+, the new excellence in carpet fibers. Carpeting of this Monsanto fiber is so colorfast, weather-resistant and rugged that you can carpet the kitchen, bathroom, patio, boat and garage—any area. Color illustrations show its beauty. **Monsanto. Free.**

33. AIDS TO CARPET CARE. Included in this booklet is valuable information on vacuuming, the professional cleaner, plant cleaning, on-location cleaning, shedding and fluffing, sprouts, static electricity, carpet beetles and moths, pilling, fading, shrinkage, shading, etc. A complete spot removal chart is also given. **Patcraft Mills. 25¢.**

34. DESIGNER SERIES CARPETS AND RUGS. Color folder presents custom carpets in a variety of textures and custom-matched colors. Hand-knotted fringe, if desired, and a choice of any size or shape without waste. Wool and Acrilan acrylic pile are offered. **Philadelphia Carpet Co. Free.**

35. SEARS 1972 CARPET GUIDE. This 58-page, full-color booklet tells you about fibers and how to buy and estimate the cost of carpeting. Shows you a complete line of carpets and rugs. **Sears, Roebuck and Co. Free.**

CURTAINS, DRAPERIES & FABRICS

36. "HOW TO MAKE YOUR WINDOWS BEAUTIFUL," VOLUME IV. New! A full 132 pages of current fashions in windows; includes over 135 photographs of rooms in full color, suggestions for color schemes and drapery fabric selections, instructions on how to make draperies and tips on selection of drapery hardware for your home. **Kirsch Co. $1.**

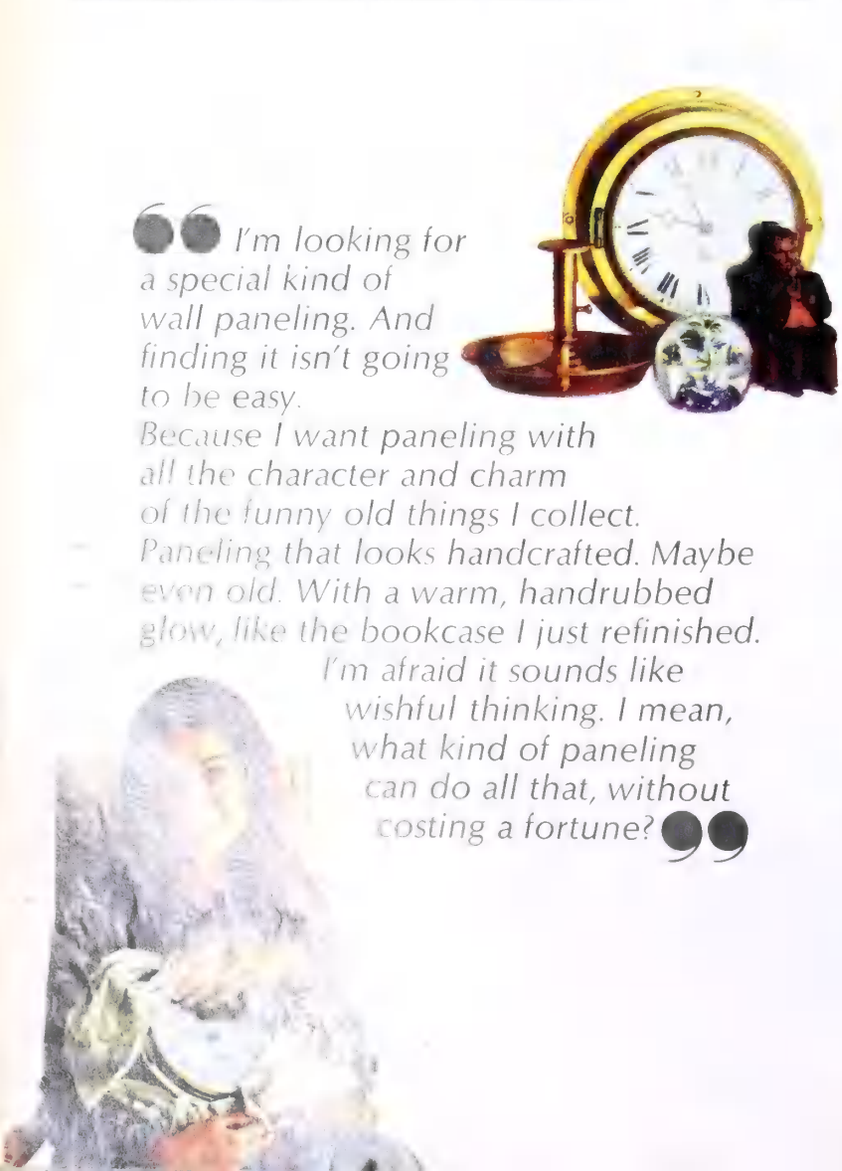
37. NORMAN'S OF SALISBURY. A 12-page, full-color brochure pictures bedspreads and unusual window treatments in actual room settings, glimpses of the many looks and the many moods you can create with coordinated fabrics in delightful patterns, textures, styles and finishes. **Norman's of Salisbury. Free.**

38. "EASY-TO-DO" DECORATING MAGAZINE. Over 100 pages including many full-color decorator-designed room settings featuring Waverly Fabrics and including many easy-to-follow instructions for home decorating ideas. **Waverly Fabrics. $1.**

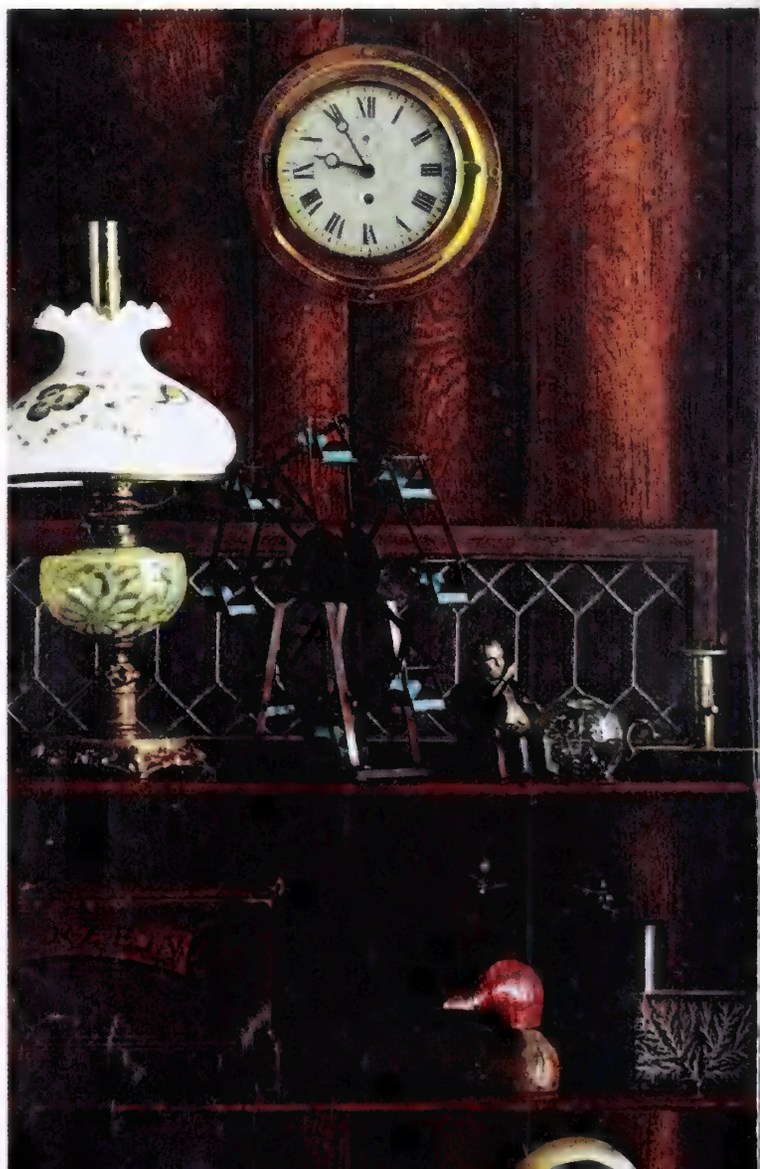
DECORATING IDEAS

39. "BEAUTIFUL ROOMS MADE EASY BY NETTLE CREEK." A full-color book with 64 pages of ideas and techniques on how to decorate with fabrics, pillows and dec-

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"I'm looking for a special kind of wall paneling. And finding it isn't going to be easy. Because I want paneling with all the character and charm of the funny old things I collect. Paneling that looks handcrafted. Maybe even old. With a warm, handrubbed glow, like the bookcase I just refinished. I'm afraid it sounds like wishful thinking. I mean, what kind of paneling can do all that, without costing a fortune?"



orative accessories. There are ideas on how to coordinate window treatments, boudoir chairs and upholstered headboards for that custom decorated look and how to measure bedspreads and draperies for perfect fit. **Nettle Creek Industries. $1.**

40. "BRINGING BEAUTY TO THE HOME." Guidebook to decorating and home furnishings from Riverside Furniture Corp.; 16 pages of color pictures and ideas to help you beautify your home. **Riverside Furniture Corp. 25¢.**

41. HIDE-A-BED SOFAS. "How To Buy A Sofa." Completely new informative decorating booklet includes color photos and covers the most important decorating areas with special consideration given to selection, floor plans, color, fabric, style, lighting, accessories and the New World Collection of Simmons Convertibles. Plus many more helpful buying and decorating ideas from Simmons. **Simmons Co. 50¢.**

42. HOME DECORATING PORTFOLIO. Contains colorful folders of various furniture fashions, floor plan graph paper, templates (scaled furniture cutouts to help plan room arrangements) and helpful hints from Interior Designer Edmund T. Lawyer, AID. **Stanley Furniture. $1.**

43. "CREATIVE LEISURE." Booklets from Stevens Utica give new decorating tips on ways to use sheets to cover walls, tables, shades . . . anything. Hints for many areas—bedroom, bathroom, family room, den, houseboat, motor home, laundry room, attic. **Stevens Utica. 50¢.**

DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES

44. INSTANT DECORATING IDEAS FOR THE CREATIVE WOMAN. Its 30 pages will bring out the decorator in you. Affordable ideas . . . furnishings ideas . . . elegant ideas to turn on every room in your home. A best-seller. **Bassett Mirror Co. Inc. 50¢.**

45. MIRRORS. The Carolina Mirror Corp. catalog features the full line of decorative framed mirrors from the world's largest manufacturer of mirrors. The 28-page, full-color catalog shows mirrors of every style and size in attractive room settings. **Carolina Mirror Corp. $1.**

46. WROUGHT IRON FIREPLACE EQUIPMENT. A newly revised 24-page brochure illustrating and describing the Reichman hand-forged wrought iron fireplace equipment line is available from the manufacturer. **Custom Wrought Products. $1.**

47. THE ART GLASS STORY. This charming brochure not only offers a lively biography of a family-run glass company in West Virginia, but also presents handsome full-color plates of art glass from yesterday and today. Written by Alan Linn, it is a history of the craft as well as of the maker. **Fenton Art Glass Co. $2.**

48. FLOOR CLOCKS. Attractive color-illustrated brochure from Ridgeway shows ideas on how and where to use floor clocks as decorative furniture accessories and pictures 18 Ridgeway grandfather floor clocks in different styles and sizes and in a choice of six wood and six decorator finishes. Also, a description of chimes and a brief history of clocks. A list of dealers is included. **Ridgeway Clocks, Div. of Gravely Furniture Co. Inc. Free.**

49. CLOCK BROCHURE. Chiming grandfather and grandmother clocks from America's oldest maker are shown in full color. Retail prices included, as well as information on the features of various kinds of clocks. With full descriptions. **Herschede Hall Clock Co. 25¢.**

50. PROGRESS LIGHTING IDEAS. Looking for traditional, Mediterranean, Early American, contemporary or your own special blend? Mix or match periods and styles as you like to. Put proper lighting where you need it; 128 full-color pages of beautiful lighting and decorating ideas for every room in your home—and outdoors, too. **Progress Lighting. 50¢.**

51. A TREASURY OF REMBRANDT LAMPS. Offers 24 full-color pages featuring Rembrandt Lamps in decorator room settings. **Rembrandt Lamps. 25¢.**

52. STIFFEL LAMPS. Beautiful 40-page brochure illustrating lamps and decorative furniture accessories of excellent design and taste. **The Stiffel Co. 25¢.**

53. "BEAUTY IS GLASS FROM VIKING." These 42 pages of pictures and text tell the story of how Viking Treasured American Glass is made—not a catalog but an interesting and authoritative book on glassmaking. **Viking Glass Co. 25¢.**

54. VIRDEN . . . THE BRIGHTEST NAME IN LIGHTS. An all-new brochure featuring livable and lovable light fixtures in situational settings. This eight-page booklet also tells you where to find Virden fixtures in your area. **Virden Lighting. Free.**

FOOD & DRINK

55. THERE'S MORE TO WINE DRINKING THAN THE WINE. This eight-page full-color brochure features many hand- (*Continued*)

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blown crystal wine glasses, plus decanters and accessories, as well as tips on how and when to serve and keep wine. West Virginia Glass produces wine glasses for every occasion, for every budget. **West Virginia Glass Co. 25¢.**

56. EARLY TIMES. An interesting and informative assortment of recipe booklets gives helpful hints for the use of alcoholic beverages. Included with recipes is a folder making available unusual gift accessories, featuring the Early Times Pussycat Glass Offer. **Brown-Forman. Free.**

57. YOUR INTRODUCTION TO THE GREAT FRENCH CHATEAU WINES. A fascinating glimpse into the history of nine fine chateau wines, exclusively imported to the U.S. from Barton & Guestier. Eight-page booklet complete with labels and descriptions. **Browne Vintners Co. Free.**

58. CHRISTMAS BOOK OF GIFTS. Page after page of full-color illustrations showing the quality gifts for which the firm is renowned. The finest fresh fruit, preserves and cakes available anywhere—each beautifully boxed. **Harry and David. Free.**

59. TWO EXCITING RECIPE BOOKS. "Frivolous Fondues": Here's an assortment of over 40 delightful and delicious fondue recipes. This 32-page cookbook features 28 cheese fondues, four dessert fondues, plus Beef Bourguignonne and sauces. "Cheese Chatter": Vary your meals in an interesting way! This fine cookbook by Hal Rothchild has 125 exciting recipes featuring cheese . . . everything from appetizers to desserts. Written in a novel way. **Hickory Farms. Two books, $2.49.**

60. "HOW TO READ A WINE LABEL." An informative study of leading French, German, Italian and American wine labels, written by expert William Clifford. This handy reprint booklet contains the complete three-part series of the highly acclaimed articles (including all the original illustrations), which appeared in House Beautiful during 1971. You'll find specific terms explained and get the general background of wine-growing in each country, as well as the various categories of wine produced. **House Beautiful. 50¢.**

61. PARTY RECIPES AND SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINING. Two booklets for the host and hostess. The first contains recipes for dips, spreads and toppings to be served in the Gourmet Susan, a food stand with three compartments; the second gives recipes for drinks and accompanying snacks. **Irvinware. 50¢ for both.**

62. COOKIES BY MAIL. How sweet they are! Full-color brochure of tantalizing cookie assortments richly baked to suit every taste. Includes "the world's biggest box of cookies"—21 dozen, 13 different kinds. A treat for all ages any time of the year. **Keebler Co. Free.**

FURNITURE

63. NEW FURNITURE DESIGNS FOR DEBUT '73. Colorful catalogs present authentic country Colonial styling for bedroom and dining room. Featured in imaginative room settings by American Drew. Elegant collections. **American Drew. $1.**

64. EXCITING FURNITURE DESIGNS. Shown in colorful, refreshing room settings. Brochure includes a number of collections: Italian-inspired Curator Collection, beautiful Mediterranean La Condesa, modern Hallmark, rugged Concho for teen-age boys, feminine Trellis for girls, many others. **American of Martinsville. $1.**

65. THE BAKER BOOK. New handsomely bound volume for your permanent library has more than 250 pages showing the famous Baker collections of authentic English and Far Eastern designs, plus an "album" selection of settings and color plates. **Baker Furniture Co. $5.**

66. BASSETT'S 40-PAGE IDEA BOOK. Contains room settings for every room in the house—bedroom, dining room, juvenile furniture and upholstery and table furniture for the living room, along with mattresses from Bassett Bedding. It also contains helpful hints on decorating, furniture selection and furniture care. **Bassett Furniture. 50¢.**

67. BROYHILL FURNITURE. Offers a folder featuring their various collections. Also included is The Personal Touch in Interior Decorating by Betty Pepis. This 200-page book is a basic guide to the principles of good taste and individual planning. **Broyhill Furniture Industries. 50¢.**

68. DESIGNS IN DINING. Forget what Mama liked and find your own excitement in dining room furnishings is the theme of this 16-page booklet. Shows nine dining rooms, three bar suites in full color and lists model numbers, colors and sizes. **Chromcraft Corp. 25¢.**

69. DAYSTROM FURNITURE. Manufacturer of contemporary concepts in fashionable dining furniture offers a colorful, illustrative folder of four unique dining sets for today's lifestyles. **Daystrom Furniture. Free.**

70. MODERN FURNITURE DESIGNS BOOK. Over 50 pages of various furniture styles including upholstered sofas and chairs, wooden cabinets and chairs, coffee tables and miscellaneous occasional pieces. Perfect for home or office. **Design Import. $1.**

71. DREXEL BOOKLET COLLECTION. An outstanding series of booklets illustrating the famous Drexel designs in Italian, provincial, Mediterranean and contemporary styles. Each book is a complete guide for selecting bedroom, dining room, occasional pieces. **Drexel Furniture. $1.**

72. THE ETHAN ALLEN TREASURY OF AMERICAN TRADITIONAL INTERIORS. A 388-page, 9 by 12-inch, full-color brochure has room settings, decorating ideas, design history, use of accessories, room planning and home care advice. Over 2,000 designs. **Ethan Allen Inc. $7.50.**

73. FLEXSTEEL'S STORY OF FINE FURNITURE. Highlights of Flexsteel's fine upholstered furniture collections are shown in color, accompanied by the Flexsteel construction story. **Flexsteel Industries. 10¢.**

74. EXCITING COLLECTION OF TABLES. This handsome portfolio illustrates the complete line of uniquely designed tables and cabinets. Styles include French, Mediterranean, Italian and modern and come with a versatile choice of woods and finishes. **Gordon's Inc. $1.**

75. DECORATIVE FURNITURE. Collections are displayed in this 40-page book. Room settings in color introduce each style, among which are French and Italian provincial, Mediterranean and contemporary. Tables, desks, cabinets, sofas, commodes, curios and more are shown. **Hammary Furniture. 50¢.**

76. HARDEN FURNITURE. This 128-page color- and monotone-illustrated booklet shows a variety of furniture styles and room settings, plus the history of this 106-year-old firm and its cabinetmaking techniques. With guidelines on how to plan and care for traditional furniture. **Harden Furniture Co. $2.**

77. CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE BY HENREDON. "Artefacts," a new collection of living, dining and bedroom furniture. Spiced with Oriental flavor, "Artefacts" designs are totally contemporary, yet inspired by the handcraftsmanship of the past. **Henredon Furniture Industries Inc. 50¢.**

78. HERITAGE PORTFOLIO. Collection of catalogs and brochures featuring Heritage styles, including a booklet on upholstery designs with many full-color photographs. Portfolio includes a room-planning kit with grids and templates of typical furniture. **Heritage Furniture Co. $2.**

79. FAMILY ROOM FURNITURE. Looking for comfortable family room furniture that will hold up under constant use? Howard Furniture offers a lifetime guarantee on all their furniture lines. Order this 12-page, full-color booklet to see the wide range of styles, read about the guarantee. **Howard Family Room Furniture. 25¢.**

80. 22-PAGE FURNITURE BROCHURE. Shows collection of J-D Originals featuring sofas, love seats, chairs and tables. All available nationally. Mediterranean and traditional styling in exposed wood frames with beautiful detailing. Many fabrics and finishes. **Jackson of Danville. 50¢.**

81. A LIBRARY OF 18TH-CENTURY ENGLISH AND AMERICAN DESIGNS. This profusely illustrated catalog includes renowned Williamsburg reproductions, as well as the timeless designs of this leading furniture company. Indispensable for anyone interested in the elements, evolution and execution of classic English and American furniture. **Kittinger Furniture Co. $3.**

82. "ONE NICE THING AFTER ANOTHER." A brochure in color and black-and-white explaining how the design-oriented consumer can make the task of selecting fine furniture easier by working with interior designer, furniture retailer or architect and Knapp & Tubbs. **Knapp & Tubbs. Free.**

83. LANE FURNITURE. Lane makes "1,001" different pieces of furniture to be sure you have a choice. Color folders show cedar sweetheart chests, living room, bedroom and dining room furniture, tables, record cabinets, beverage cabinets, bookcases. **The Lane Co. Inc. 25¢.**

84. RATTAN AND RAWHIDE. Booklet acquaints you with the special mood of classic rattan furniture—the way it blends into a style, whether traditional, modern or Oriental and becomes part of it. Booklet contains many pictures. **McGuire Co. 25¢.**

85. FURNITURE THAT FITS YOUR TASTE. Lets you do your "own thing." Rest easy, it's made by Maxwell Royal and features exceptional comfort, quality and styling and a selection of fine decorator-selected fabrics. **Maxwell Royal Chair Co. 10¢.**

86. MEADOWCRAFT. This 16-page full-color brochure illustrates an extensive line of wrought iron and aluminum furniture for indoor and outdoor use. **Meadowcraft, Division of Birmingham Ornamental Iron Co. 50¢.**

87. PLYMWOOD CATALOG. Build your home on Sugar Hill with the new 32-page color catalog of Sugar Hill Pine furniture illustrating complete settings for any room in your home. **Plymwood Furniture Co. 50¢.**

88. THE COMFORTABLE WORLD OF ROCKING AND RECLINING. E-Z Lounger presentation brochure offers sink-down, stretch-out relaxation with just a touch of the leisure lever. Rich, elegant styling in traditional, contemporary and Early American. **Pontiac Chair Co. Free.** *(Continued)*

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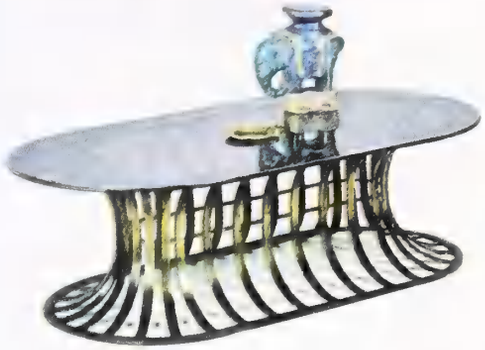
9 ways to change the complexion of a room.



This pair can create a stir with ease. Chair and ottoman from the *Eighteen Ninety Collection.



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Booklets

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89. SELIG'S NEW DESIGN FOLIO. Shows in beautiful color its Custom Imperial living room furniture, sofabeds, occasional tables in imported chrome-and-glass, accessory pieces. America's largest source of contemporary furniture. **Selig Mfg. Co. Inc. $1.**

90. TELL CITY. This 116-page, large-size hardcover decorating guide has suggestions on how to achieve the Early American look. Includes room-planning kit and illustrations of the Young Republic solid hard rock maple furniture. **Tell City Chair Co. $2.**

91. A FURNITURE PORTFOLIO. Illustrates bedroom, dining room and occasional furniture. Included are French, Spanish, Mediterranean, Italian and Early American designs, some shown in colorful room settings. Specifications of each piece help you to plan accurately. **Thomasville Furniture Industries. $1.**

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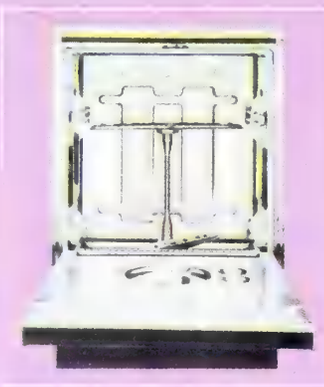
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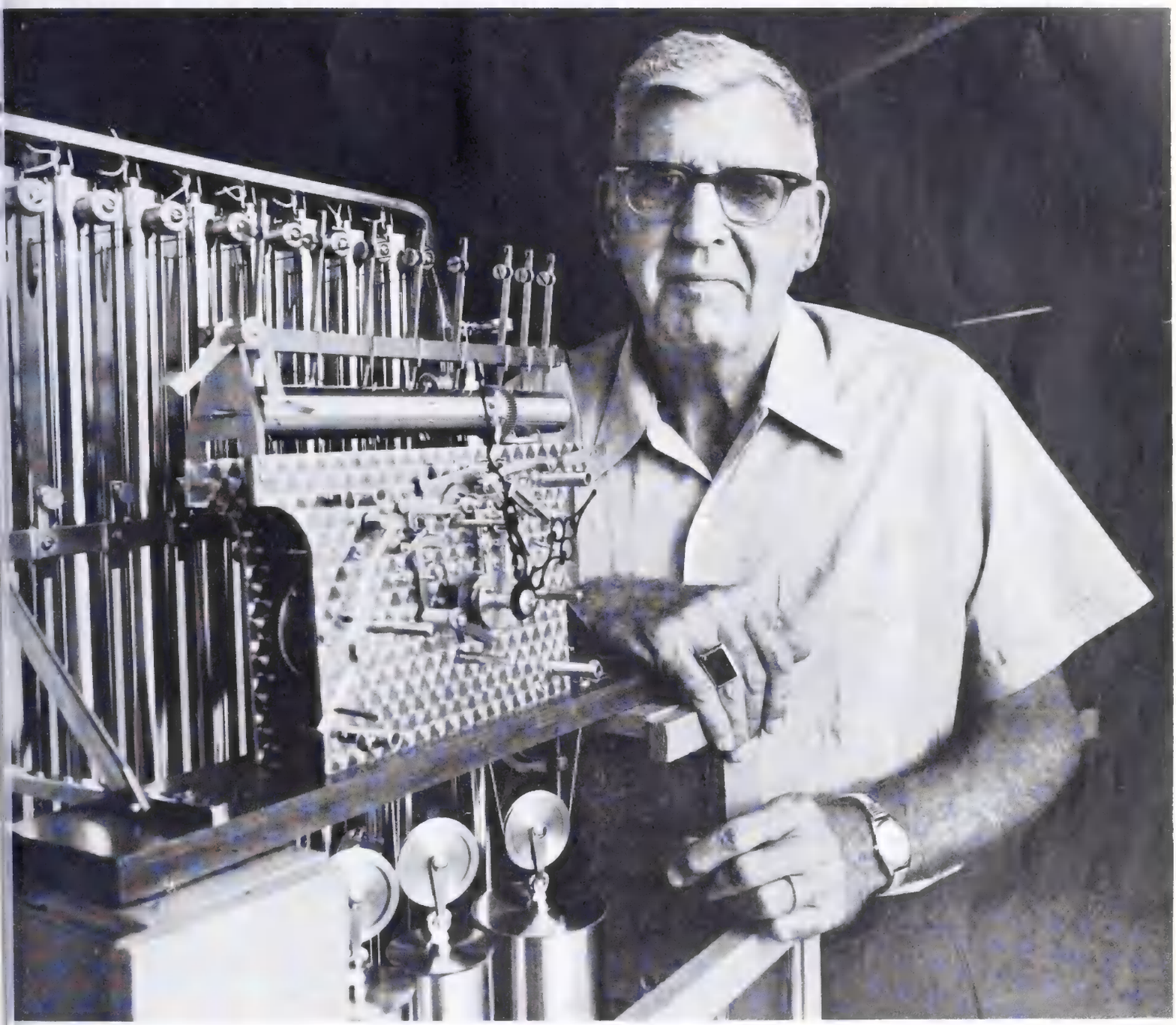
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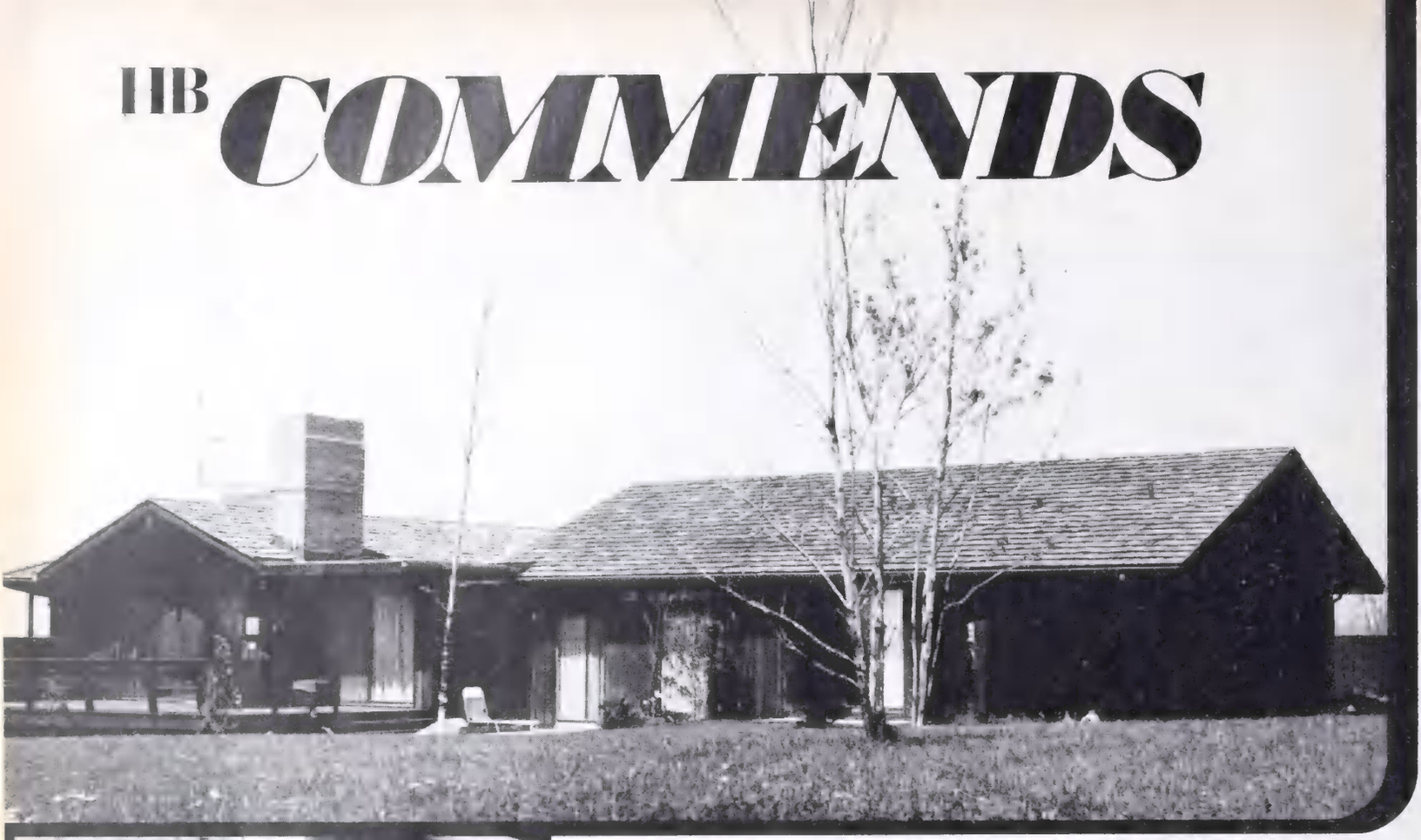
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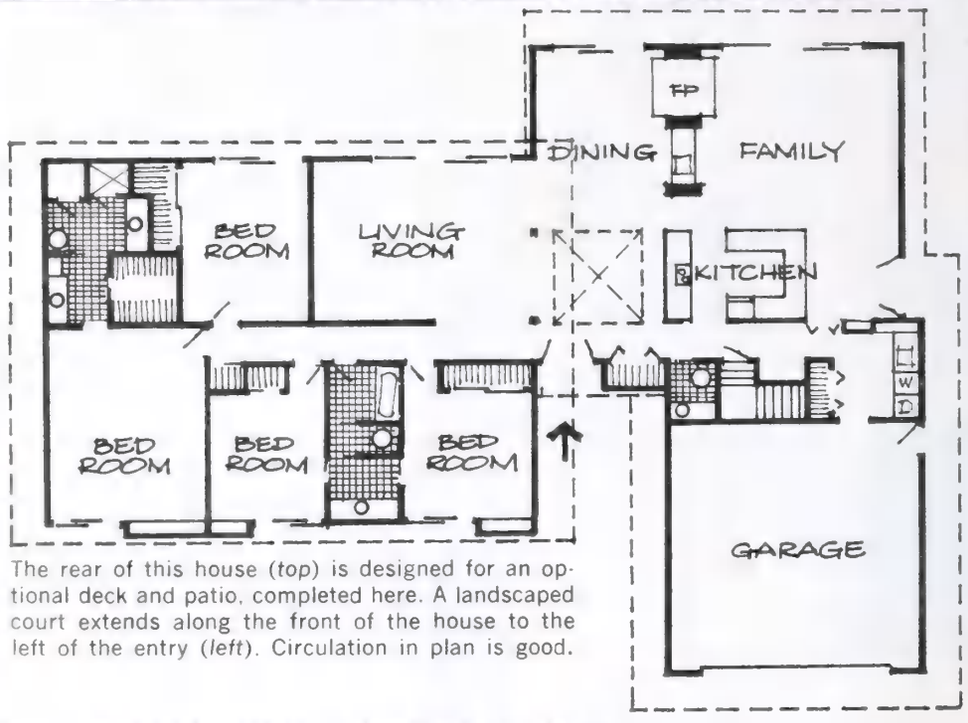


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The rear of this house (*top*) is designed for an optional deck and patio, completed here. A landscaped court extends along the front of the house to the left of the entry (*left*). Circulation in plan is good.

Near the casual wood symmetry of this Cleveland area house, there is a white, two-story traditionally styled dwelling. Both are located in an extraordinarily good subdivision of rolling hills, woods, streams and ponds called—appropriately enough—Walden. The traditional house is a model that Walden's developer, Manny Barenholtz, insisted on erecting over the objections of Architect William B. Morris, who designed the handsome contemporary dwelling above.

Months after buyers had snapped up the model photographed here and dozens of similar quiet, contemporary houses, the traditional model remained unsold. Eventually, the white house sold, but to date the design hasn't been repeated in any of Walden's 1,000 acres. "I made a mistake," admits Barenholtz, "and I'm not ashamed to say so. Now that Walden is well under way, I see what Bill Morris had in mind and I support him completely." Since Clevelanders tend to be conservative, it isn't surprising that Barenholtz demanded at least one traditional model. What he didn't see at first—and now heartily advocates—was Morris' original intent to match houses to land to streets to recreational facilities. The principal in The Architectural Design Partnership of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Morris controlled the total design of Walden—houses and land. When completed, Walden will contain 600 single-family houses, 300 rental units and 1,000 one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium town houses. An 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, a swimming pool, clubhouse and restaurant are all part of the picture. Sales are ahead of construction, so buyers, conservative or not, must like what they're finding. Good design accounts for rapid sales and this 2,300 square foot house is typical of Morris' work. Price, with lot, about $70,000.

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- The house must be designed for a family with children. Ideally, the space suits parents with two children, since each child then has his own room, while the third room downstairs serves as a guestroom/den/sewing room/hobby room. But the house will accommodate a family that has five youngsters.
- Suburban lot sizes are shrinking. The house must fit a relatively small lot. Architect Tsuruoka designed it to nest comfortably on a 100 by 160-foot lot, the equivalent of slightly over ⅓ acre. As planned, the house, turned so that the longest (Continued on page 98)

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A CONTEMPORARY IMPRESSION SOFTENED BY COUNTRY WARMTH

clean and crisp exterior design allows this house to ease comfortably into an existing neighborhood



Warmed by an afternoon sun that dispelled a noon shower, this house seems as relaxed in its wooded setting as a century-old Ohio farmhouse shaded by majestic elms. Some of that feeling surfaces because Scholz Homes chose a handsome site—and then exercised strict control over construction so every tree that could possibly be saved was saved. But most of this fine home's appeal flows from its evocative shape, reminiscent of early New England saltboxes, and the studied blend of natural colors applied to it. Wherever possible, materials were permitted to be themselves: U.S. Plywood's Roughtex fir plywood lap siding only lightly stained with a warm gray tone by Tru-Test, cedar shakes glowing with a natural golden wheat tone on the entry facade, an entry deck of fir planks pressure-treated against decay. Where color was applied, there is loyalty to nature: Glasweld panels by U.S. Plywood shaded a deep moss beneath the windows, a sky blue door, a rich autumn leaf-toned asphalt roof by Bird and cloud-white trim around the house and on the vinyl-clad Andersen Perma-Shield windows.

This careful blend of site, materials and color produced such an inviting house that people driving by during the final stages of construction stopped and asked if they could go through it. Homeowners in the area walked by during an evening and tried to get a closer look. One mother of three, who lives in a pleasant green-shuttered white split-level nearby, said, "I just love the house. I could move in tomorrow." All of this, of course, confirms our belief that good design is salable. The car? Admittedly calculated for photography. It is a beautifully maintained 1939 Buick Phaeton from the collection of antique auto buff W. E. Pipes of Toledo.

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indoors, you discover a spirited environment of color, texture, space

Join us for a walk through the interior of the house. Open the door on a tile-paved entry hall sheathed in "Blackthorn" plywood paneling (*top left*). Straight ahead, as you enter, the visual uplift of the high-gabled living room, carpeted in lemon yellow, a color that threads through the house like sunshine, contrasting amiably with the blues and browns in the principal rooms. To your left, catch a glimpse of the dining room, its floor a space-opening flow-through of the same American Olean "Primitive" ceramic tile. At the other end of the hall (*left*), tile yields to red carpet and walls are covered in tweedy white, for the corridor now leads to three downstairs bedrooms. (The master bedroom/sitting room suite is upstairs, quietly secluded from the rest of the house.) Climb the boxed staircase and you discover that the corresponding upstairs hall is an open bridge from which you can look down into the two-story living room (*right*). This distinctive device—a piece of architectural finesse often designed for custom houses—creates a sense of airy spaciousness and helped determine the finesse of the living room furnishings. These have a certain townhouse elegance without citified formality—after all, the house is designed for an active family, opens generously to the outdoors and anticipates a pleasantly casual lifestyle for everyone.

There is more practicality here than meets the eye. All but the metal furniture in the house was chosen from the urbane (and moderately priced) collections of Drexel and Heritage, the upholstery fabrics soil-resistant. Windows are uncurtained, finished instead in a variety of decorative shades from Window Shade Manufacturers Association. Here, vertical louvers of shadecloth emphasize the loftiness of the room with an almost architectural pattern. All the wallpapers are protectively vinylized. In this instance, stylized plum blossoms by W.H.S. Lloyd, an exaggeration of the motifs on Canton ginger jars, are carried over into the adjoining dining room (*top right*), which you will see, with its own terrace, if you turn to the next page.



INSET ABOVE, GRAFF GARCIA; ALL OTHERS, ALEXANDRE GEORGES

in the open-end dining room, space visually flows on

The dining room is a magnificent feat of space-expansion, achieved through the open plan itself and by principles of decorating that encourage optical illusion. The room is tantamount to a continuation of the tiled hall, separated from the living room by the barest of partitioning, the major visual delineation the color break between yellow and blue floors. See this doorless, unrestricted sweep-through of space and the relationship of hall to rooms in the picture above. No small part of this look of flowing space has to do with the use of the same genre of furniture, the same fruitwood colors, the same wallpaper and louvered shades in both dining and living rooms. Note that the only decisive pattern is on the walls. Furniture fabrics are solid, quieting colors that do not "crowd" the eye, and so enhance the feeling of space. But this open-endedness doesn't stop here. A wall of sliding glass gives onto a dining terrace, bringing in a vista of trees and garden so that there seems no barrier between indoors and out (*inset center*). When the doors are open, there is, in fact, no barrier. Furthering this sense of space ad infinitum, the one solid wall of the dining room is covered in mirror, doubling the apparent area by reflection. The dining terrace (*right*), paved in a textured aggregate of pebbles in concrete, gives the house the easily accessible, hot-summer-days amenity of alfresco meals a few steps outside the dining room. The terrace furniture, by Meadowcraft, reminiscent of Regency bamboo, is metal, weatherproofed to the nines, with the same understated mannerliness as the furniture indoors. Inside the house again, we take you up the paneled staircase to the bridge-corridor (*far right*), its handsome open-rail sides another visual space-extender, and on into the master suite, which you can see on the next two pages.



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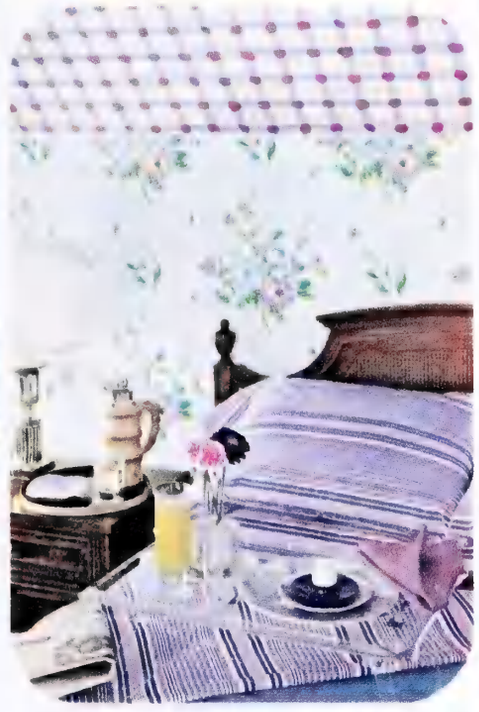








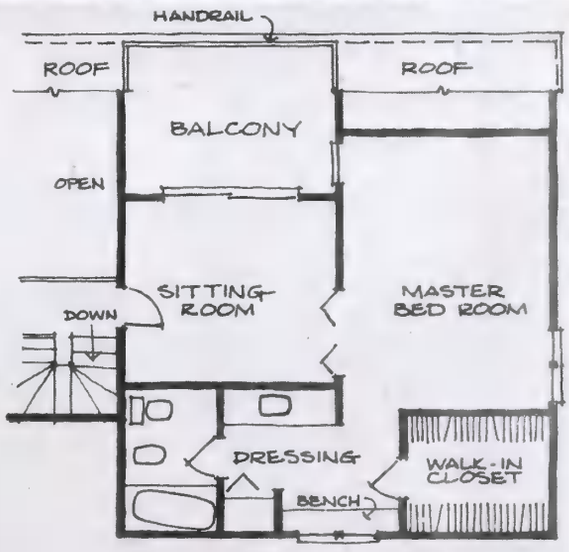




the master suite is a small private world in an active household

This house abounds in special features, but none has greater appeal than the master suite, planned as a tranquil haven for the parents. It gives them four rooms of their very own on the second floor, utterly apart from the rest of the house. See this enviable arrangement in the plan below. The sitting room/den (*far left and above left*) is snugly fitted out for reading, writing, TV-viewing, catching one's breath in solitude and outside its sliding glass wall, there's an intimate deck for private sunning or stargazing. The room is warmly patterned in pomegranate paisley, softened by a thick, sound-muffling ivory-and-wheat shag carpet by Trend, maker of all the rugs in the house. Yellow, a sort of signature color in this outdoor-related house, shows up in the marigold of love seat and moiré window shade, bordered with Conso braid. There's a slight taste of the Orient here, as there is downstairs, but the art is contemporary. Like all the artworks in the house, it comes from the J.L. Hudson Gallery, Detroit. In the bedroom (*above right and on the cover*), peaceful blue, mauve and violet are paler echoes of the living room colors. The ceiling slope has been turned to decorative advantage with a plaid paper that lowers the height visually and suggests a canopy above the bed. Here again, window shades in lieu of curtains—white moiré edged in purple-and-white braid. Plaid ceiling and anemone-flowered walls continue through the bath (*top center*) and dressing room, containing these rooms in a restful, nondistracting total look. Storage space is amply provided in the shelves and drawers under the lavatory counter and blue Kohler basin. In the dressing room (*center*) the window seat—a space-saving pinch-hitter for slipper chairs—tops a series of cabinets that hold bath and bed linens. All linens are by J.P. Stevens, chosen, like the striped sheets on the bed, to bring together the placid colors of an adult retreat.





SECOND FLOOR
PARTIAL PLAN

PHOTOGRAPHS: TOP RIGHT, LOWER LEFT AND FAR LEFT, GRAFF/GARCIA; OTHERS, ALEXANDRE GEORGES; PLAN, T. GRANVILLE











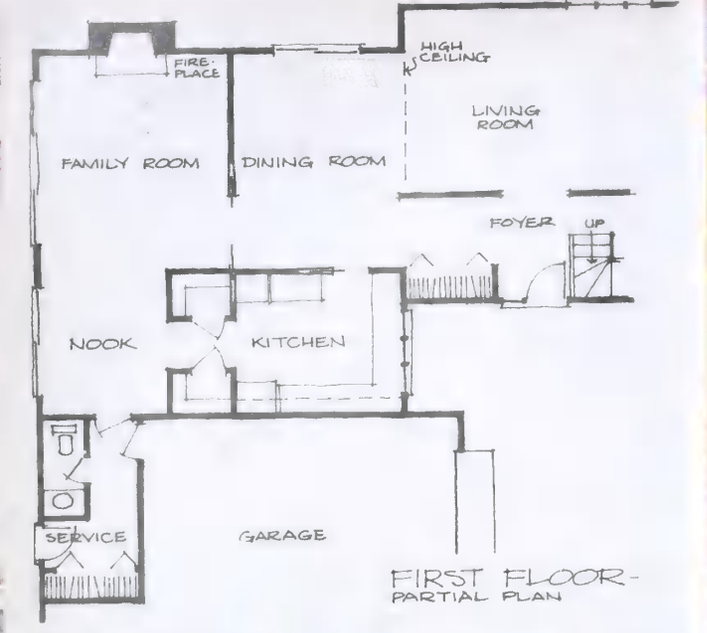


downstairs bedrooms: for young guests of all ages

Downstairs, a red-carpeted corridor leads from the entrance foyer to three bedrooms, each 11 by 12 feet, designed for the young members of the family and guests. The little girl of the house is bedded down in a pretty flurry of patchwork and wet-look wallpaper flowers (*top left*), a surprisingly gentle mix of sophisticated hot pinks, yellows and mauves —Matisse colors or, as the art on the wall reminds us, an Andy Warhol palette. In this small room, pattern does most of the furnishing. Even the shag carpet is a tweedy pattern in three shades of violet. There are twin beds, naturally—one for the inevitable sleepover guest—gracefully, femininely French Provincial in character, separated by an all-in-one table and lamp, with the flattering grown-upness of sheets that "go with" the room.

The boy's room (*near left*) is partially paneled in Comstock "Silver Peak," bunk-bedded for the present but furnished with pieces that will grow up with him—like the desk and the complex of bookshelves and drawers that line one wall. Carpet is a tight, tough red tweed, the shade cloth a dense bouclé texture that blocks out light, the trim a nonfussy red-and-black braid. The guestroom (*above*) is invitingly, warmly striped in a lightweight carpet fabric, in the chili-pepper colors of a Mexican serape. The wallcovering deadens sound and gives the ground-floor room the hospitable gift of peace and quiet, enhanced by the deep-pile carpet on the floor. Furniture, nicely scaled to the room, has a French flair. Drawers and cabinets in the tall slant-top desk offer storage space for an over-nighter and the guest is due for a pleasant surprise—bed linen in a white-on-mocha pussy-willow design (*top right*). The three rooms share a red-white-and-blue bath (*far left*), its twin basins set in blue ceramic tile.

BOTTOM RIGHT, GRAFE/GARCIA; OTHERS, ALEXANDRE GEORGES



FIRST FLOOR-
PARTIAL PLAN







the kitchen: great function in a compact space

The kitchen, a sunshine delight of crisp yellow plaid, opens serviceably to both dining and family rooms. Study its sensible, open traffic pattern on the plan (*top left*). It's a dreamy place to work, say those who have worked in it—airy, bright, with a leafy view at its window, ample counter space, extraordinarily generous storage. The cabinets, by Wilson Cabinet Co. Inc., are black with white doors and drawer fronts. White is repeated in the Westinghouse major equipment, which includes a range with self-cleaning oven, a second oven at eye level, a dishwasher and side-by-side refrigerator/freezer. A NuTone food center for chopping, mixing and blending is handily between the range and sink, this a bright accent of red by Kohler. The closet next to the refrigerator (*far left center*) houses a Whirlpool trash compactor, shelves for large portable appliances and a broom closet behind its shutter doors in harmonizing white Tru-Test paint. The planning desk (*bottom left*) is something of a household control center: the intercom is here, as well as a telephone and a remote control switch to regulate a Waterfine water refiner, a device that softens and clarifies the water supply. Next to the desk, there's a pantry for canned goods, with revolving shelves inside and a row of shelves on the door. Just beyond this, more shutter doors front a big china closet, near both dining room and breakfast nook (*below*). The kitchen's middle name is practicality: The plaid prettiness is a scrubbable wallcovering by Columbus Coated Fabrics, the floor is Congoleum vinyl and the window shade is a new whisk-it-clean fiber-glass fabric.

PHOTOGRAPHS, GRAFF GARCIA; PLAN, T. GRANVILLE







the family room: planned for entertaining and for easy living

One end of the house and a nice sweep of forest greenery are devoted to the family room, an informal living/entertaining room opening onto a terrace that can take a good spill-over of guests when there's a crowd. See the pressure-treated Douglas fir deck, its hardy outdoor furnishings and sylvan surroundings at bottom right. Two broad sliding doors of glass bring the landscape in at any season, but when they are open in summer, the outdoors and indoors are thrown together, giving the room the breezy nature of a Hawaiian lanai. The stylishness of the room itself—its beiges, browns and black leather, its interestingly grained Panai Paldao paneling—camouflages its resistance to wear and tear. Kick up the beige area rug and the vinyl "parquet" floor is ready to be danced on. Right at hand, there's a Magnavox music system and TV, as well as game equipment, all housed in the built-in wall combine of shelves and drawers (*top right*). The raised hearth is faced in travertine for a moody glow on quiet evenings. Anticipated here, many a meal, with no need to worry about spills and stains. The dining area for sit-down meals (*top left*) is a step away from the kitchen, furnished in indoor-outdoor metal furniture that might on occasion be carried to the terrace. Over the table, a clean-cut, contemporary chandelier by Virden, supplier of all lighting fixtures in the house. For buffet meals, a hunt table, normally placed behind the black sofa, slips open as an ample serving surface (*lower left*). The room is unfussy, uncluttered, virtually unpatterned except for the bold graphics on the walls, the subtle beige-and-honey striped tweed on the wing chairs and the geometric black-and-beige window shades. These are laminations of a patterned fabric to shade cloth, a decorating idea worth noting because it offers endless window treatment possibilities. Further, on the subject of easy upkeep and cleaning the entire house is plugged into a NuTone central vacuum system.





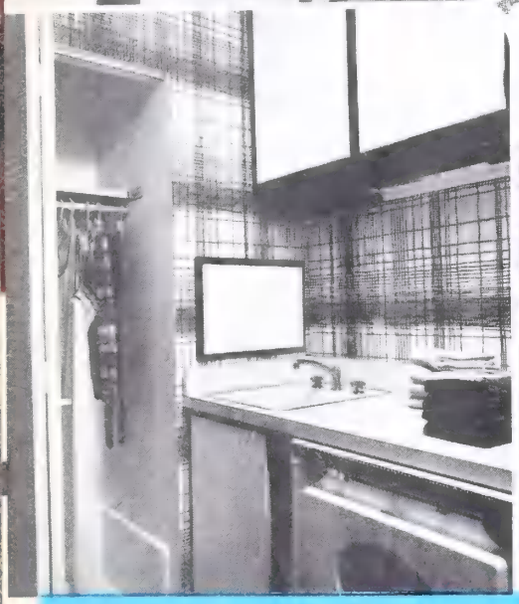














No laundry blues in this house. The same attractive washable yellow wallpaper in the kitchen covers the walls in the laundry (*far left*) and the same yellow plastic laminate protects the counters. For wash-and-wear clothes, there's a drip-dry closet with a drain in the floor (*bottom, far left*). The small wall panel in that photo is a hinged door over the laundry chute from the master bedroom above. Separate under-counter washer and dryer are from Westinghouse. The small sink is by Kohler. The exterior views illustrate two of several opportunities for the family to enjoy good weather a step away from interior spaces—and in the case of the master bedroom balcony (*above left*), with a modest degree of privacy. The relationship of the balcony to the bedroom suite is clearly seen in the upper plan at right. Great care was taken during the planning to keep traffic flowing smoothly through the house, and this has succeeded well. The house contains 3,000 square feet of finished space, 500 square feet for expansion, plus a large basement.

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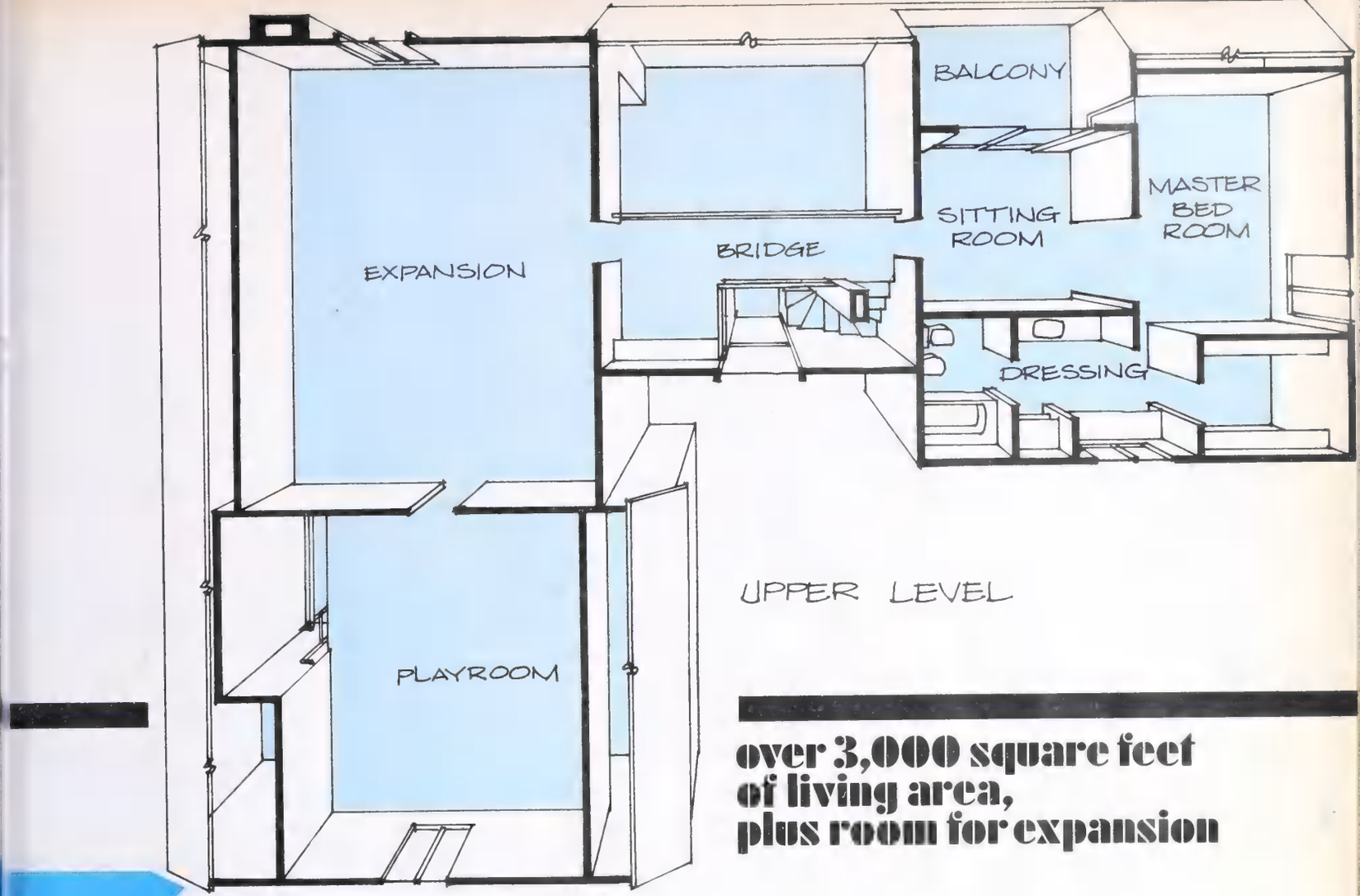
a time-saving laundry and space outside to spend time saved

(*Continued from page 83*) side faces the street, would also look attractive on a one-acre or even on a two-acre site.

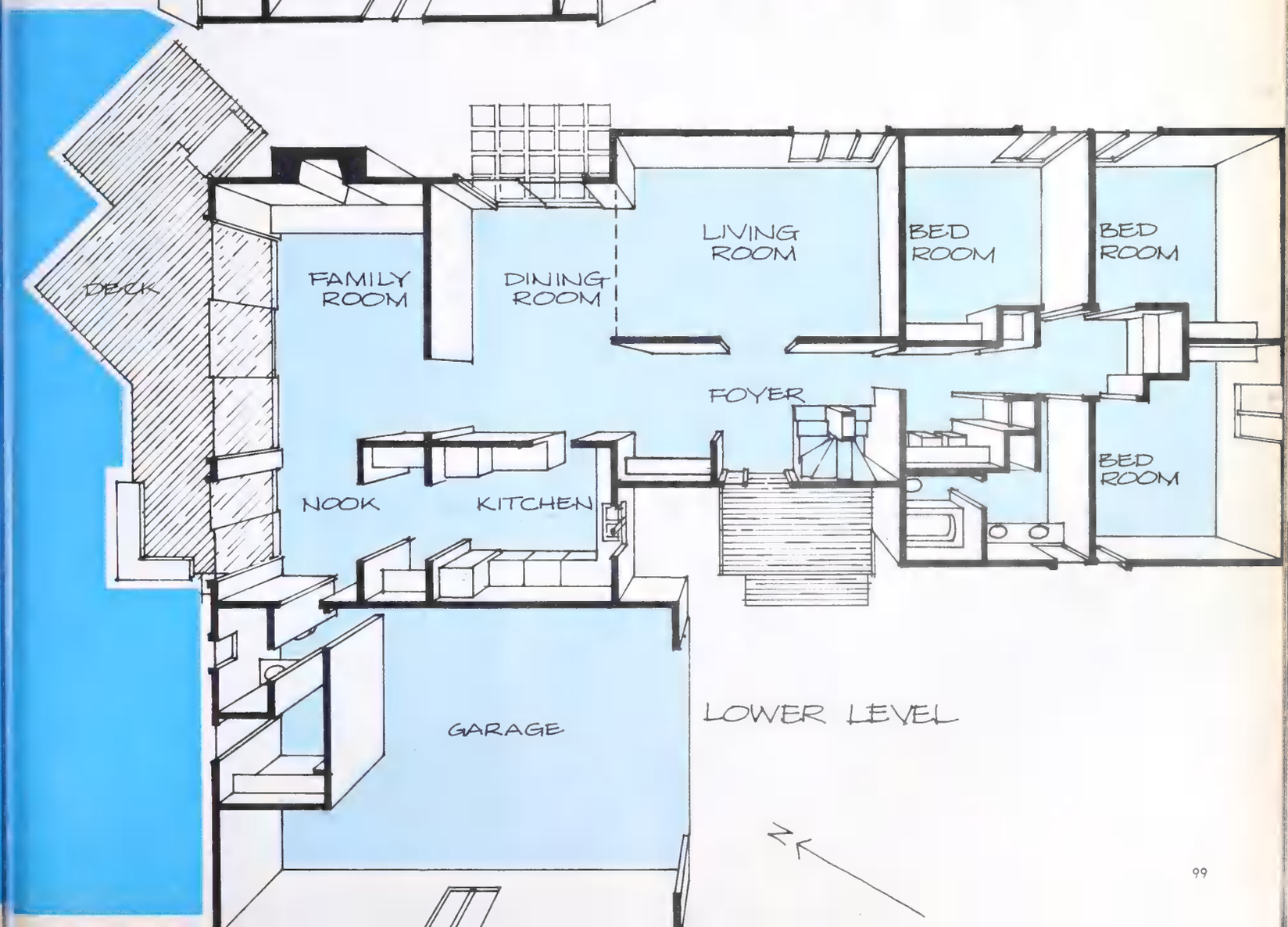
• There also must be some room for expansion. Two large spaces on the second floor offer 900 square feet of open, usable space. A 400-square foot room directly over the garage is finished and carpeted but remains unfurnished in the Toledo model. It could serve as a guest-room or an office or space for in-laws. But its intended and best use is for children—from preschoolers to teenagers. As you can see in the plans at right, this playroom is set apart from the living spaces. The youngsters could play records at top volume without seriously disturbing someone relaxing in the living room, for example, or a young child napping in one of the downstairs bedrooms. The room is large enough for a ping-pong table or train tables or a youthful workbench or hobby bench—or all of these. The space is reached directly from the second floor and also by a "ship's" ladder from the rear entry on the first level. A railing continues between the ladder and the wall, overlooking the two-level open space in the rear entry. As if that weren't enough, 500 square feet of unfinished space lies directly over the family room/kitchen/dining room complex. In its present state, the room offers enough storage space for the most possessive of us. Converted, it could provide a small apartment for elderly parents, or at least two more bedrooms and a bath for a rapidly expanding family.

• We specified that the house must have adequate storage, this proving over the past decade to be one of the conspicuous failings of many model homes. To begin with, the expansion space alone provides more storage area than in two ordinary houses. Also, notice that there are (1) a wide closet in the rear (mudroom) entry; (2) two large, general storage closets between the kitchen and breakfast nook; (3) vertical pantry and broom closets in the kitchen, as well as standard base and overhead cabinets; (4) an extra-wide foyer closet; (5) considerable cabinet storage in the bedroom hall laundry (*also shown above left*); (6) linen storage in the bedroom hall, as well as in each bath, and (7) a walk-in closet in the master bedroom upstairs.

So much for the major points. Through a combination of talents from all the principals and the architect, many other appealing elements were worked into the house. For example, a convenient and colorful desk in the kitchen; space at the rear of the two-car garage for garden tools, lawnmower, wheelbarrow and the like, plus enough (*Continued on page 168*)



over 3,000 square feet of living area, plus room for expansion



Pure form, extraordinary color, sensational surfaces, many classical designs—that's the message in home furnishings from Debut '73. The point of view? Eclectic. To animate a low-key environment, add an elegant touch of chinoiserie or period reproduction. For the ultra-graphic atmosphere, a mellowing can be achieved with the chaste soft-line table. It's all here, and more. . . . Oriental reverence for serenity, privacy and flawless sense of harmony is reflected in a contemporary version of the Coromandel screen by Drexel (below and below right). On one side of the reversible screen, a traditional Chinese temple scene; over, a poetic vignette from nature, in gold leaf and lacquer. About $800.





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CHOICE
11 performers set for the
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When Gallic conquistadors scaled the wardrobe to great proportions (so it would contain their suits of armor), they also, incidentally, conceived of one of the most formidable pieces of furniture—the armoire. To bring the armoire up-to-date, Basic-Witz has kept the concept of grand-scale, versatile storage but added an important touch of Eastern influence (left). Honey-colored "Shibui" armoire is Primavera veneer on Burmese ebony base with silk-screened branches and flowers climbing on doors and drawer. About $300. The sofa demands essential space—it fills a wall, divides a room, invites company. But imposing? It can be. For the home with precious space or the larger room seeking an intimate setting, the solution is a Hammary love seat (below). Simplicity of design offers limitless possibilities for arrangement in a living room or a bedroom alcove. The chintz fabric is a botanical delight of high-color blooms with touches of foliage printed on brown. About $270.



The warmth and texture of wood will usually elicit an incontestably positive response—it's the universally appealing, natural beauty. That very golden warmth of wood is glorified in the solid oak trestle table (far left) with the pristine lines of early Shaker styling. About $240 by Conant Ball. Dining takes the most graceful of turns with a richly grained, round-edge square table (above center). Serve an intimate repast for two with crystal candlesticks to reflect the gleaming surface. Plan an elegant dinner party and extend the table luxuriously with two apron leaves. Walnut and ebony veneer with inlays of boxwood-ebony-boxwood, legs are Honduras mahogany with brass appointments. By Henredon. Approximately $550. The great high-backed easy chair has always had a loyal following. From its origin in the 17th century, this comfortable chair has inspired many fond subriquets—40-winк, saddle-back and grandfather chair. Now the traditional wing chair—in Chippendale design—offers amiable seating in a sunburst of color (left). The glazed chintz upholstery, in fresh yellow, is covered with garden blooms in pastel tones. By Shaw. From $210. Requirements for the superadaptable chair. It will enhance the room that's either Louis Quatorze or a pastiche of avant-garde. The winner: the fluid lines of the metal-framed cane chair that's softened with sumptuous orange velvet cushions (center overview and above right). By Thayer Coggin. About $310.



a true story-book house begins a fourth life as a designer's home

By JAMES DE LONG ☐ Few houses, especially those of the California school of the Tuscan Revival style of Victorian architecture, can match the peripatetic history of this diminutive but commanding residence on a wooded acre in Santa Barbara. Designed around 1872 by Peter Barber, a New England architect who was forced ashore here by stormy seas and stayed on to practice, it really *is* a story-book house.

Originally built on State Street across from the city museum, it was later placed on logs and rolled by a team of horses to a new site five blocks away. Caught in the web of progress some 80 years after, it was consigned to destruction. A passing, history-minded Scotsman brandished his cane at the wrecking crew and cried, "Workmen, how much are they paying you to demolish this building?" He matched that sum and the house was moved to safer ground.

Six years ago Designer John Alexander and his wife learned it was doomed by an onrushing freeway. They bought it in time's nick, temporarily removed its cupola and front porch so that it could pass through the city streets ("It's probably the world's oldest mobile home," he says) and had it towed to its present resting place.

Alexander made no conscious attempt to recreate Victorian interiors, but his artful admixtures of *objets* from various times and places give a past presence clearly seen in the splendiferous dining room (*right*) and parlorlike library (*far right*).



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the small scale of the house is enhanced by tall interiors and life-size proportions

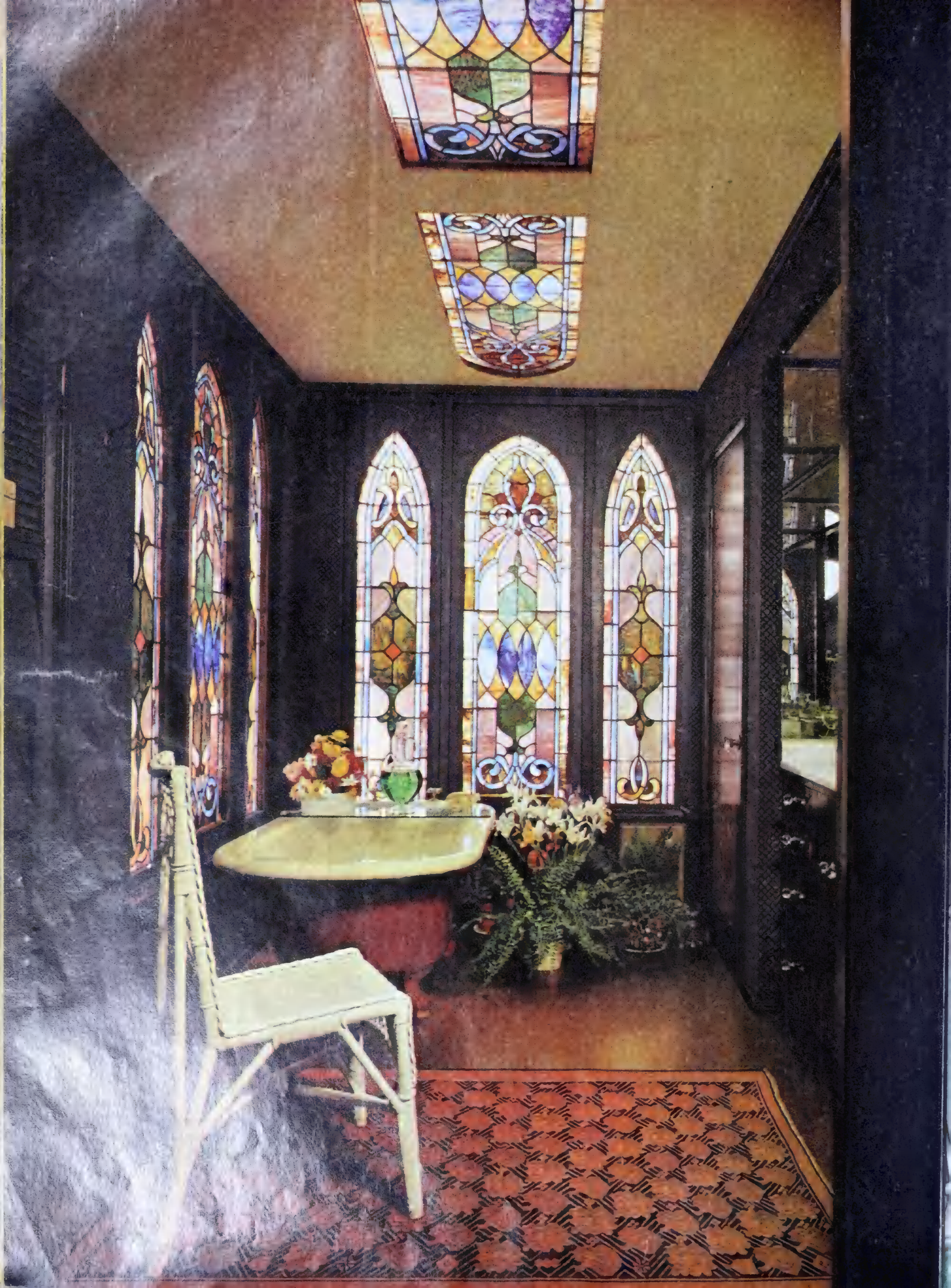
The miniature marble fireplaces, intricate moldings and parquet floors have survived their collective wanderings to keynote the eclectic flavor of the furnishings. Reflecting the petite scale of the structure, the interior spaces are small and finely detailed—but high ceilings and tall windows endow them with spaciousness.

The cheerful breakfast room (*above*) was formed by closing in the 1872-model back porch. A bright, cushioned vinyl floor unifies the room and softens the footfalls of two active young daughters. A wide-backed wicker chair, the autocrat of the breakfast table, appears to have grandfathered the classic Eero Saarinen designs.

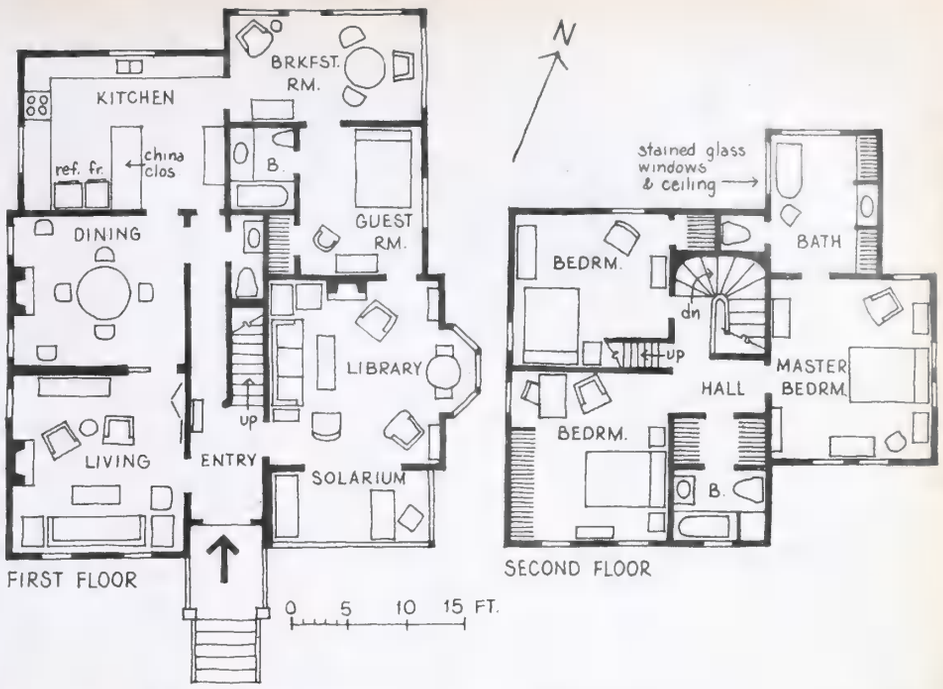
The living room (*right*) teems with a potpourri of the world's remembrances. A Greek amphora (2nd century b.c.) shares a 17th-century Spanish chest with a Spanish saint; 19th-century Russian hurricane lamps flank a mounted Victorian bird on the mantel; a tiny Italian table confers with two Louis XV chairs and, reflected in the mirror, a tailgate from a Sicilian donkey cart hangs above a Chinese cut-velvet screen.

Upstairs, the master bedroom (*far right*) centers around a many-hued Thaibok silk counterpane that was made by Rebecca Alexander.





after 100 years, a thoughtful room arrangement proves that it still works for people





PLAN, NATALIE F. SIEGEL; PRODUCT INFORMATION, PAGE 239

A successful house, whatever its period or style of architecture, is usually characterized by a logical, humane consideration of the comforts and needs of its occupants. Here, this premise is fulfilled by floor plans (*above*) that work as well today as they must have a century ago.

The center-hall entry distributes traffic to the principal rooms of the house without using the rooms themselves as passages. Although small and compact, these areas flow easily from one to the other to create a harmonious and seemingly spacious whole. No major changes in the planning layout were made during the life of the house except for the closing of the back and front porches and the addition of an upstairs master bath (*far left*). This resplendent room, which features stained glass windows and a ceiling salvaged from an old church in El Paso, is a brilliant tour de force in the art of remodeling. Its walls are covered with flocked, navy-blue wallpaper—as in the master bedroom—to provide a soothing foil for the kaleidoscopic flood of light that bathes the bathers.

The shuttered mini-solarium (*left*) is an adjunct to the library shown on the previous page. Once a front porch, it is now a sunny study.

Not shown is one of the most versatile rooms in the house—the tiny third-story cupola. Reached by an almost-secret stairway, it is used by the children as a rainy-day playhouse, by the adults as a retreat for reading the Sunday papers and by the whole family as a watchtower for viewing Fourth of July fireworks at the nearby shore.

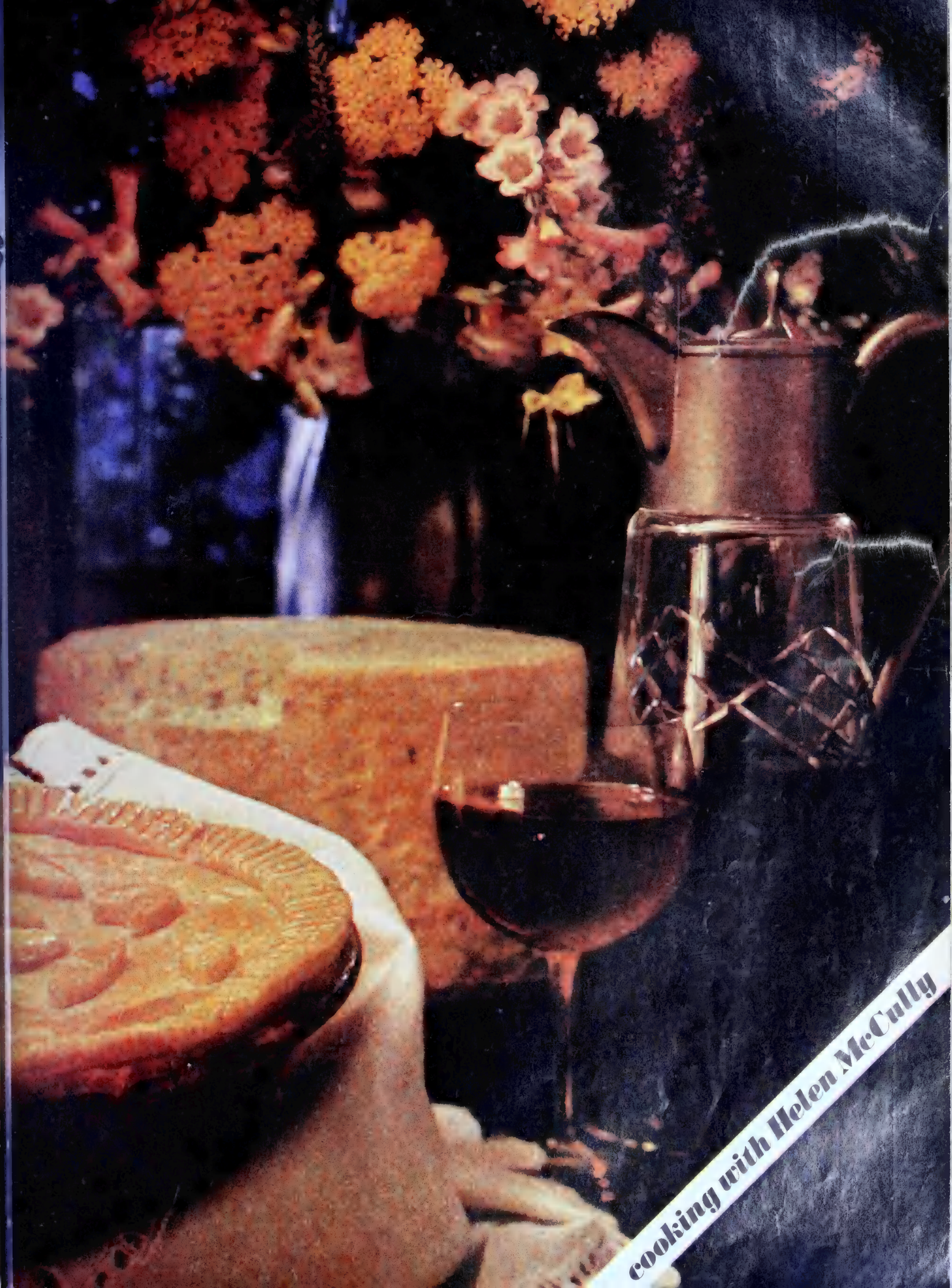
FOOD & DRINK

GREAT BRITISH CLASSIC

– *beefsteak and kidney pie*

When it is properly prepared, we can think of few dishes more delicious than this splendid pie, a mélange of steak, veal kidneys—one of the most delicate of the variety meats—and onions in a richly seasoned broth sealed with a flaky butter crust. For some reason, unaccountably and unfortunately, we think, Americans have a strange sensitivity to variety meats and thus have never used and enjoyed these gastronomic delicacies to the extent they deserve: Oxtail Stew with Sweet White Grapes, for example, Smoked Beef Tongue accompanied by a bright Horseradish Sauce, Grilled Lamb Kidneys with Maitre d'Hôtel butter or Sweetbreads à la Normandie. For those who approach these marvelous, nutritious meats with reluctant tongues, we urge you to cook them as we do and savor them at their best at your own dinner table. For a wealth of basic information and many provocative recipes, see "Variety Meats" on the contents page.




cooking with Helen McCully

By SUSAN LEWIN ☐ "It was not that the house would be the jewel in a great setting. The valley itself was the jewel, and the house had to be fashioned to let us see it, in bloom or in snow," explains Playwright Loring Mandel. To give Mr. and Mrs. Mandel sweeping views of their spectacular two-acre site in the midst of what was formerly a 60-year-old private arboretum, Architect Richard Henderson placed the living room on the upper level of their Long Island house. This elevated, glass-encased pavilion and its surrounding decks not only afford the Mandels the best views but also let them feel and hear the wind sweeping across the valley profuse with hybrid rhododendrons, laurel, azaleas, dogwood, oak and maple from its arboretum days.

Although the room actually is angular in its shape, it is visually influenced by the curves of the roof overhang (*inset below left*) and deck railing (*far right below*) and so seems curved itself. But because the circular shape of the room is apparent rather than actual, Architect Henderson was able to use standard rectangular panes of mitered glass for the walls—keeping the budget within the bounds the Mandels had established while still making a strong architectural statement.

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BUILT IN A JEWEL OF A SETTING

this house takes full measure of its views

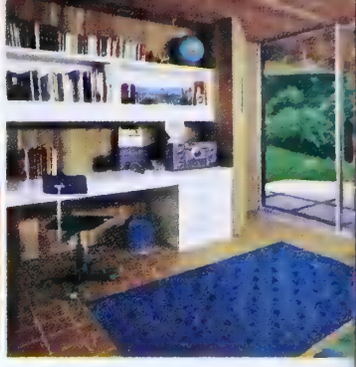












Although beautifully sculptured in cedar siding, the Mandel house is much more than a work of art. "This is a standard, programmed, everyday house that had to fulfill all the needs and functions of a family of four. To succeed on all levels—design, function and budget—was a difficult architectural problem," says Architect Henderson. To the Mandels, he succeeded admirably. "In addition to a house that gives us total awareness of the land, Dick Henderson gave us a house that works well for me, my wife and our two sons," says Loring Mandel. The kitchen (*right and below*) was designed as an all-purpose room that Mandel says is "the busiest room in the house." Under a round skylight that brings in the early morning light is a large table used for kneading dough for bread, for family meals and entertaining guests, for the children's homework and working out family finances. Large glass walls provide the kitchen with good exterior views and easy access to the decks makes outdoor dining an easy matter. The cabinets are lacquered in white and the chairs in various bright colors. The buffet on the far kitchen wall also serves living room/dining area.

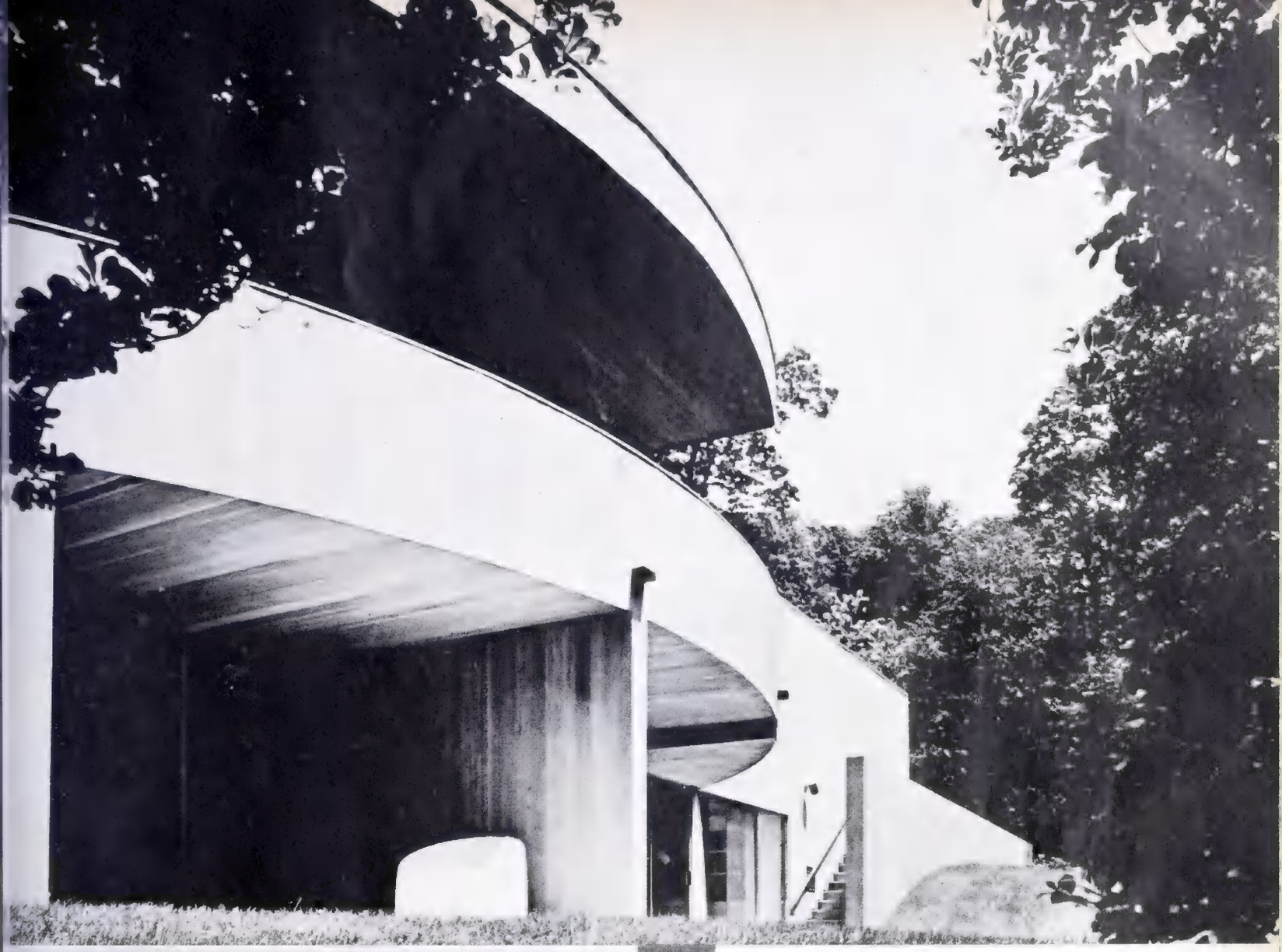
The quietest place in the house is Mandel's study (*above left*), its back wall part of the same circular geometry as the upper decks. Here he works on scripts for the theater and for television in a serene setting that's buffered from the family room (*see plan, next page*) by the master bedroom (*left*) and by the two boys' identical bedrooms (*above right*). Most of the furniture in the house—like the bookcase/desk walls in the study and the boys' rooms—is built in, with white fiberglass furniture in the living room to sustain the architectural look of these built-ins and Moroccan rugs to add a touch of pattern.

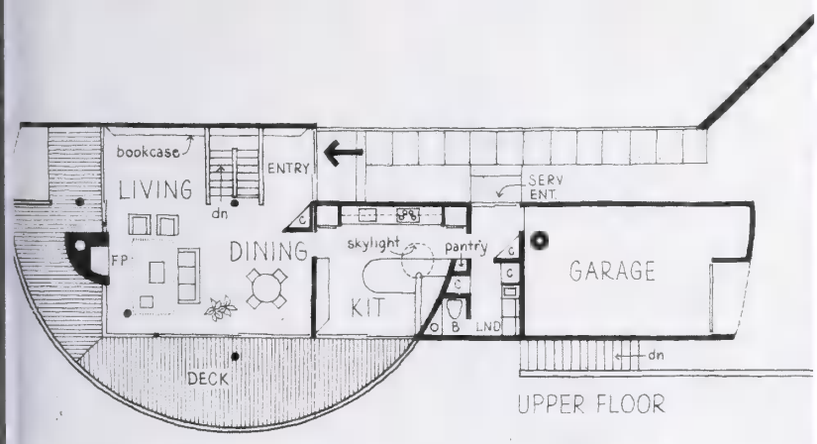
to its happy inhabitants, it's an everyday house with all the needs of family life built in



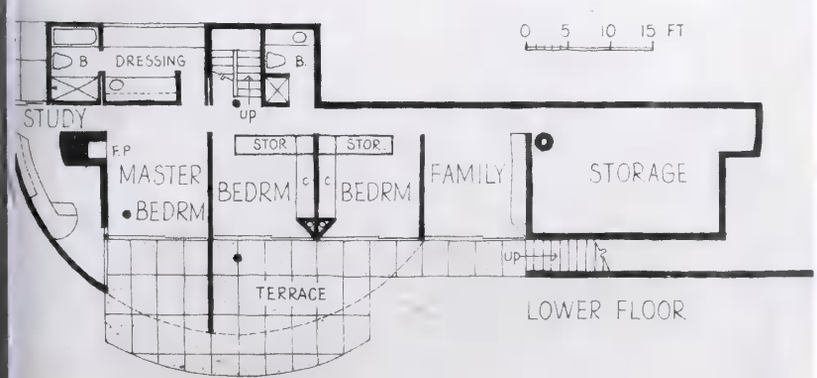








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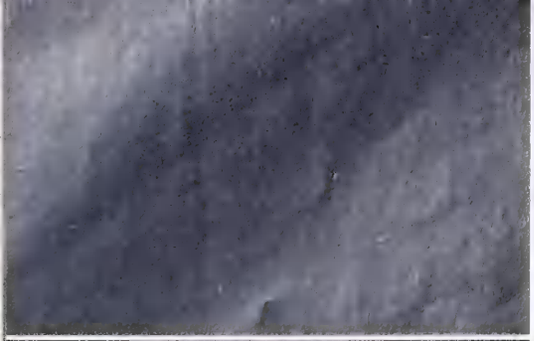


LOWER FLOOR

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the geometry of the interior is a strong foil for a sun-catching entry and the lush vistas beyond

"This house was designed to take the smallest part of the land, to catch the sun exactly right, to feed the eye with natural surfaces and unobstructed views of the valley. We love it," wrote Loring Mandel in the *New York Times* shortly after the house was completed. The pivot point for the semicircular decks and curved study and kitchen walls (*see plan, left*) is the dramatic two-story entry (*far left*), planned to bring sunlight into the otherwise shaded living room. The column within the quarter-circle supports the beam that, in turn, supports the roof of the living room. As with many of today's young architects, there is a reference here to Le Corbusier. And this play of light on simple geometric volumes creates a strong diagonal pull that compels everyone outside and onto the decks (*above*) to view the panorama of the ever-changing seasons.

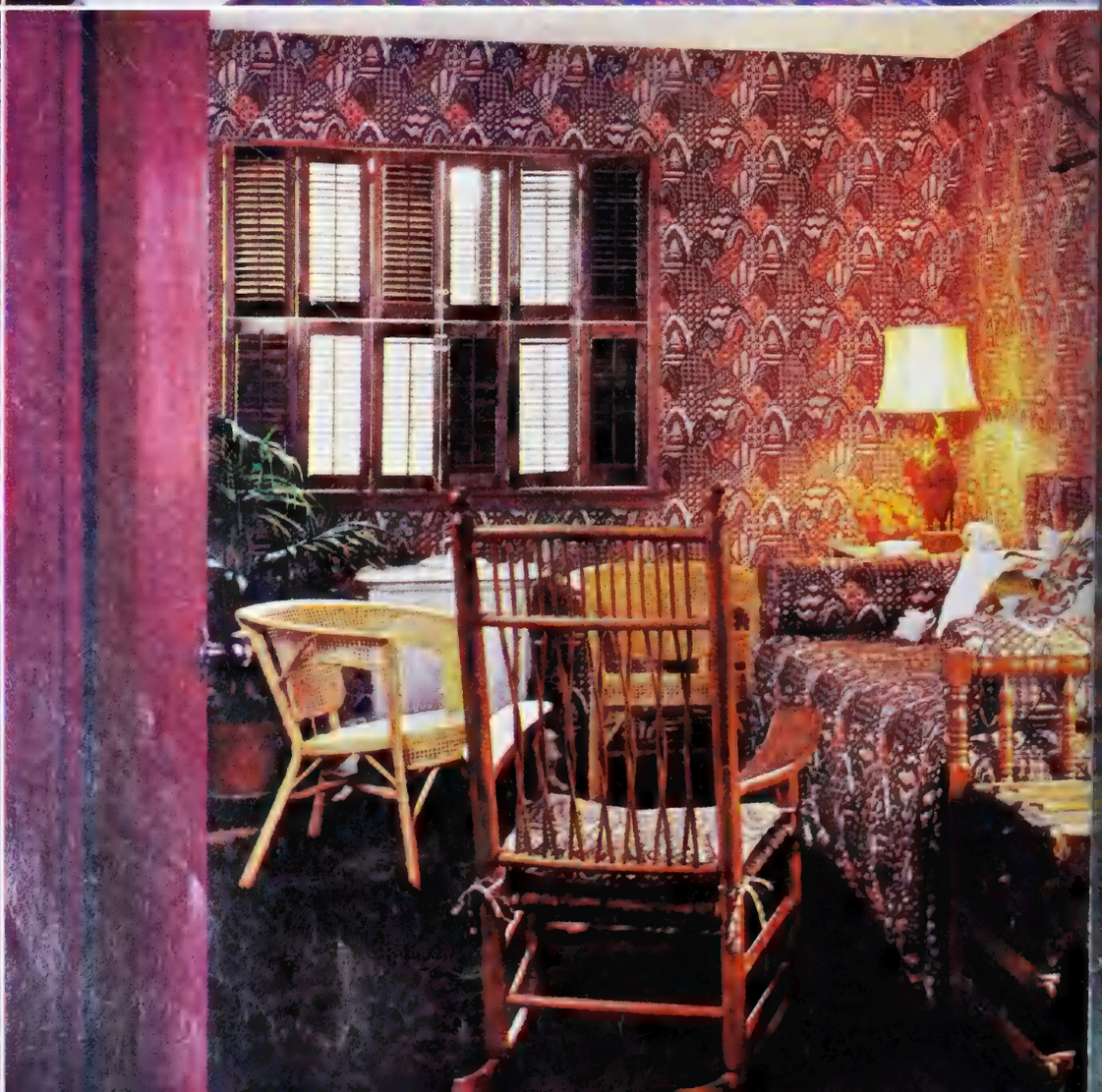






COLOR AND FABRIC LIFT ITS EGO

a standard model becomes a designer original





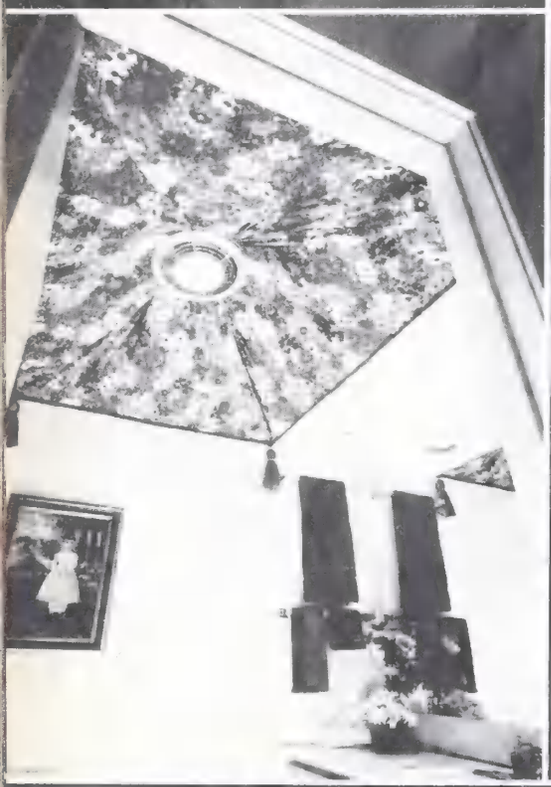
HARRY HARTMAN

Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ Her condominium "is for weekends now," says Margaret Nelson, design director of Stroheim & Romann, "but eventually I'll live here year round. I like Connecticut—the thick shrubbery and this village full of galleries and antique shops. Now, since I travel to Europe several times a year, I can just shut the door and go."

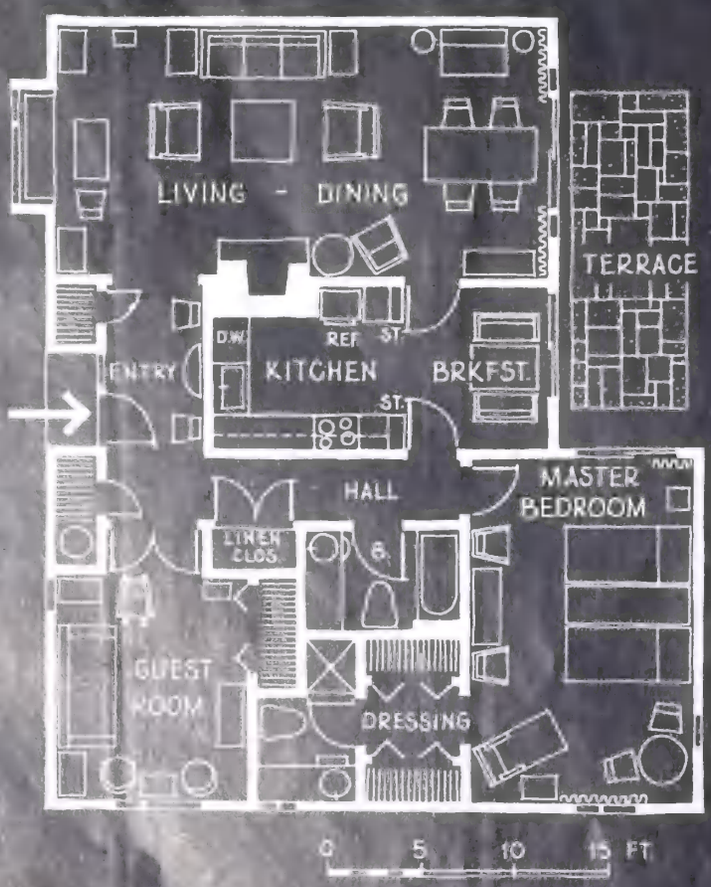
The exterior was charming, adds Miss Nelson, "but the interior, except for good windows, was cold and uninteresting. We wanted character." The we includes her daughter, Linda Sandfort, Miss Nelson's assistant at the fabric firm and the interior designer of the house. First they renovated a bland fireplace, bricked it over and painted it white. They replaced the furnished beige carpeting with hardwood floors and installed dark beams to give the "Ordinary New a quality that is interestingly Old World."

But it's the lavish and adroit use of fabric that creates the panache. In the living room (*above and upper left*), a heavy white wool crewel covers one wall, gracefully curtains the windows and is stretched in taut panels over a window seat. The Parma velvet dining chairs and the plaid fabric (designed by Miss Nelson) on the living room chairs echo the plum in the entry (*inset, far left above*). In the guestroom (*left*), a printed linen "papers" the walls and repeats itself in a quilted spread. A rocker, wicker chairs and stained walnut shutters create a warm retreat.

lively patterning transforms the character and the scale of this condominium

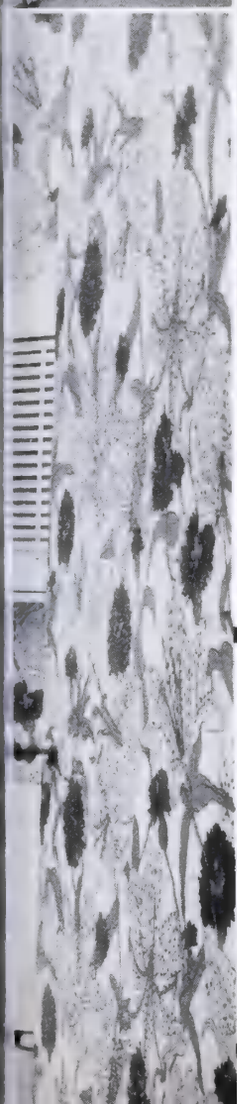










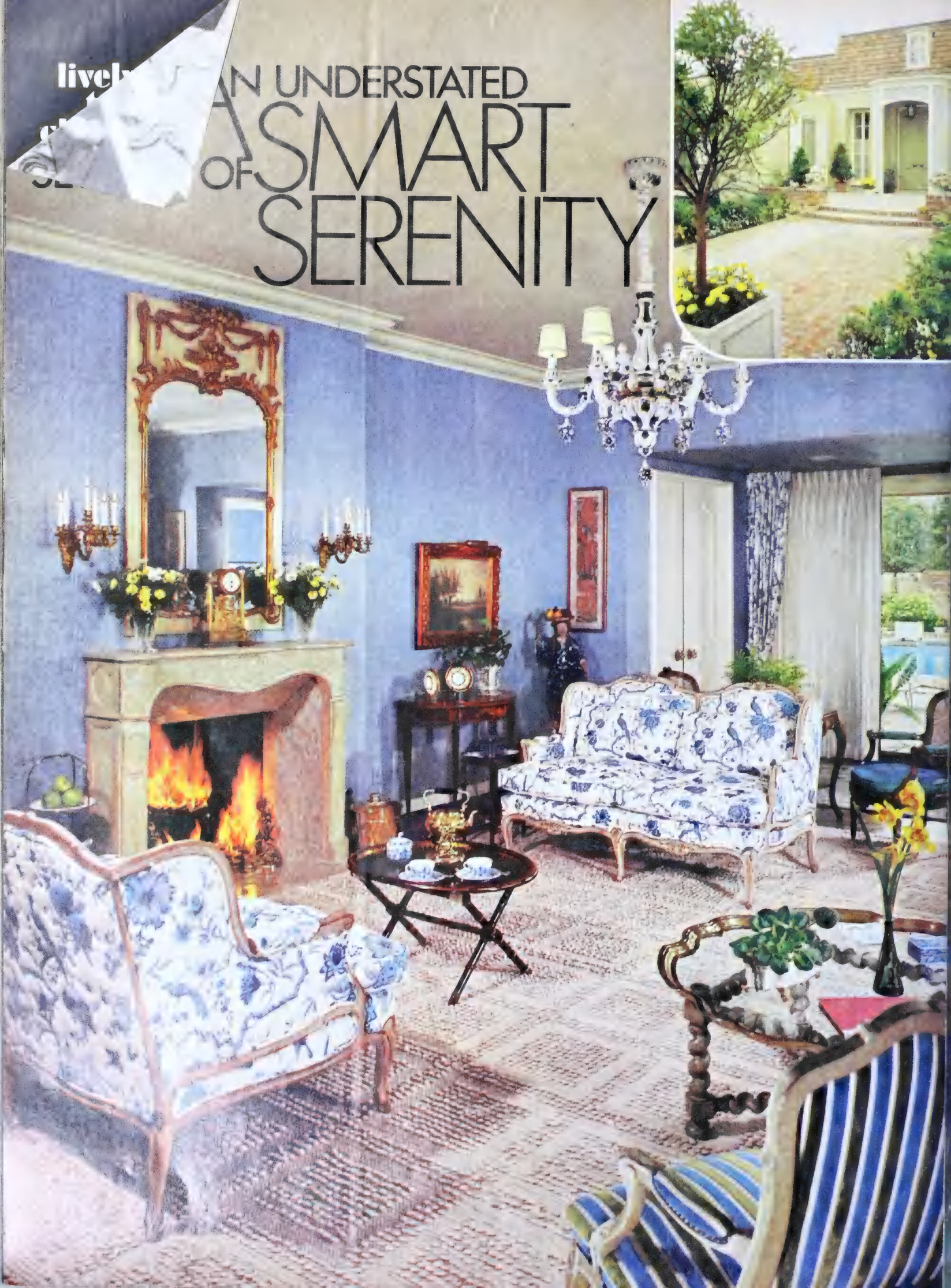




"My daughter was an interior designer with a most difficult client," Miss Nelson says. "We had a few knockdown dragouts, but we ended up as good friends. Linda comes often for weekends."

Despite the "knockdown dragouts," such mother-daughter teamwork resulted in a vibrant transformation. They consider the plan of the house (*far left, below*) excellent—a good beginning. "At one end there's a large living room with a dining area, then there is a large kitchen—and that's important because I love to cook—with a dining area, plus two bedrooms and two baths, all nicely placed." Again, fabric. Even the guest bathroom (*far left above*) bursts into bloom, a glowing orange-purple-and-white print forming a tented ceiling and shower curtain. In the master bedroom and dressing area (*near left, top and bottom*), a cornflower blue-and-white chintz is quilted on the bedspreads and canopies, used plain for the dressing table skirt, chaise longue and dressing room wall. Practical as well as decorative, a long night table that is "fabulous for watching TV" is also covered in the print, protected by a glass top. At the dining end of the kitchen (*above*), "the only place we haven't used fabric," are a Portuguese tile wallpaper, green settees and a high plate rail to hold Miss Nelson's ironstone collection. Color favorites? "As designers, neither of us can have color favorites," she laughs. "So neither of us is in a color rut."

PLAN, NATALIE F. SIEGEL


AN UNDERSTATED
A SMART
OF SERENITY

By JAMES DeLONG □ Occasionally, in the fields of creative endeavor, an idea for an invention or a work of art will spring full-blown from the brow of its creator. But these are exceptional instances. More often—especially in the art of interior design—the process of creation involves patient labor, gradual evolution and the maturity of experience. Such was the case in the development of this Los Angeles home (*insert left*) designed by Richard Palmer for Mr. and Mrs. Lee McIntyre. It evolved through past happy experiences with the work of Interior Designer Jerry Alsobrook of Cannell & Chaffin Design Studio in their previous residences. For the interiors of their new home, they asked him to summarize the lifestyle he had come to know so well. Alsobrook's response is a masterpiece of understatement, as seen in the serene blue-and-white living room, which epitomizes the quiet poise of the whole house. The results do indeed appear to have happened all at once, but however they occurred, they show the sure touch of an old, though young, pro. Maurine McIntyre had always wanted "a little French house" and she set the course for this project by suggesting to Alsobrook that he just start from there. Grounding the living room with a geometric, though casual, tufted rug ("to keep it from getting precious"), he proceeded to weave together an eclectic *mélange* of such consummate rightness that the room looks French without really being so—or, as he says, "It's not French, it's personal." Drawing freely from other cultures, he has combined Chinese, Japanese and English objects with French-inspired furnishings to create an impression rather than an imitation. The rich, glowing gold of the wall-mounted Japanese screen (*below*) is perfectly tempered by the continuous flow of cool, blue wallcovering behind it and the flanking vitrine cabinets filled with a restrained collection of fine porcelain. To the right of the marble fireplace (*left*), a landscape by Corot puts forth a modest glow of its own as it unobtrusively dominates its corner.

GEORGE M. SZANIK



WARM REPOSE AND COOL, QUIET ELEGANCE



The quality of restraint is evident in every area and aspect of the McIntyre house. Although individual rooms may vary in mood, palette and function, the presence of this restraint is a pervasive unifying factor throughout and gives the house its basic sense of repose. Another underlying—and unifying—characteristic of Alsobrook's work is his consistent use of fabric and paper wallcoverings. Sometimes they even appear on the ceilings. These carefully chosen backgrounds provide an instant richness that justifies and controls his restraint in the selection of furnishings, fabrics and accessories. The absence of plain, painted wall surfaces suggests an opulence that might strain the average decorating budget, but Alsobrook finds that the effectiveness of such wallcoverings far outweighs their initial cost by reducing the need—and expenditure—for other decorating elements. "You achieve a greater sense of richness through the use of wallcoverings," he says, "while getting more mileage out of your decorating dollar."

The high-ceilinged entry (*right*) demonstrates the validity of this approach. Its richly textured wallcovering, neatly accented with painted wood moldings, almost furnishes the room by itself. The chairs are upholstered with needlepoint by Mrs. McIntyre and blend easily with the brocaded Chinese wall hangings above them. The inlaid marble floor and Venetian chandelier add an air of baroque elegance. In another view of the entry (*below*), a Louis XVI console and a gilt antique mirror keep company with the Siamese Buddha in the passage beyond. Just visible through the door to the living room is a Daubigny landscape.

The dining room (*lower right*), its painted Chippendale reproduction chairs afloat on a Portuguese rug, looks out to a fountain and a walled garden. The motif in the woven chair fabric was taken from the rug.

In the library (*left*), lime-green Karastan carpeting, antiqued white oak paneling and a Belgian linen ceiling create a textured environment for the gold-tooled, leather-top desk in the foreground and a variety of patterned upholstery—including Mrs. McIntyre's needlepoint on the seat of the armchair. Fabric behind the glass cabinet doors hides stereo and TV equipment.







A BLENDING OF MANY CULTURES

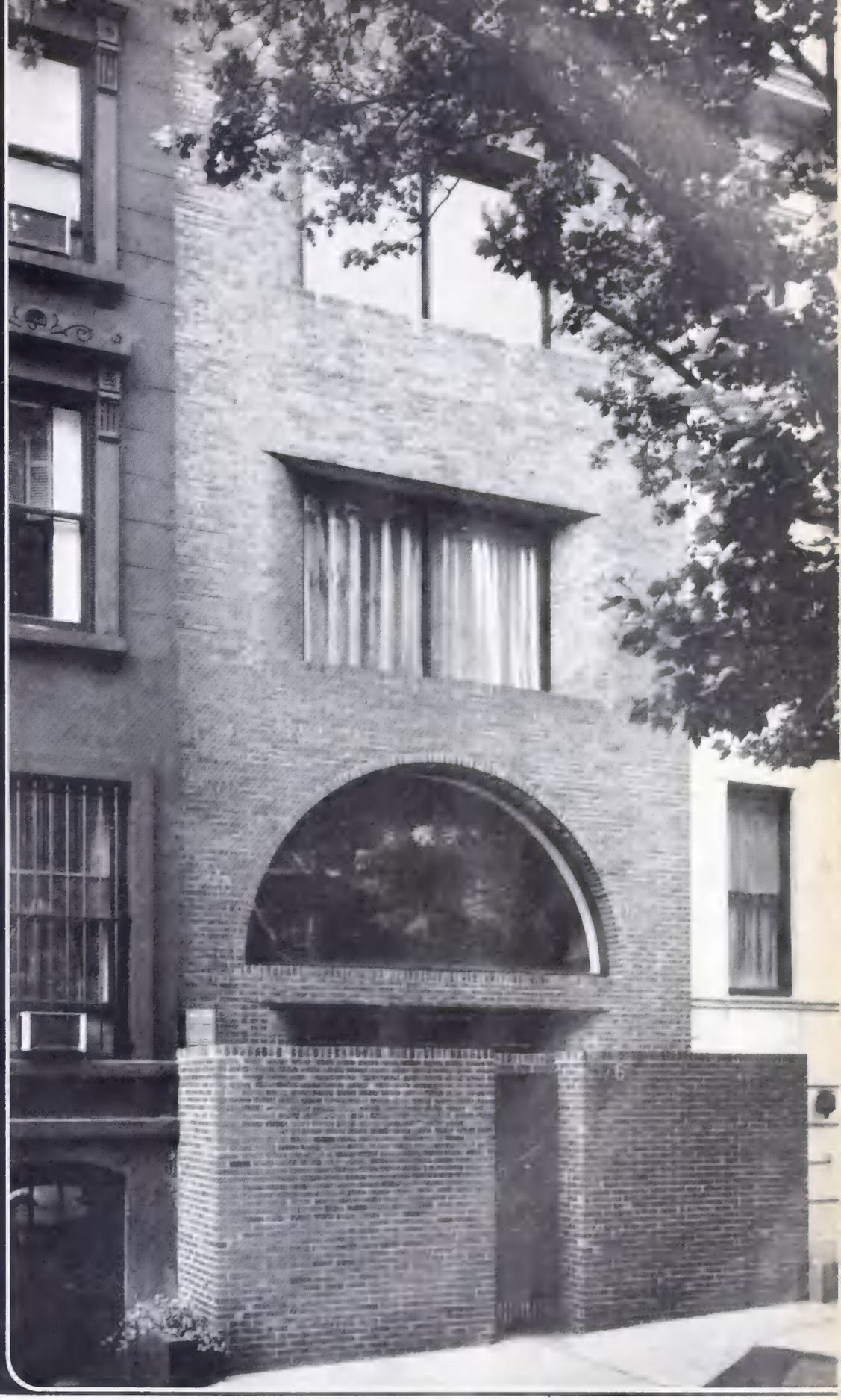
The secluded master bedroom (*below*) is located toward the rear of the house and has a broad, genial southern exposure. Its soft pastel hues are in complete contrast to the stronger values that characterize the entry, living room and library. But here again, Alsobrook's fundamental philosophy of covering the plastered surfaces of walls and ceilings makes the scene. A subtle, damask-patterned wallcovering in pale ivory provides an ideal backdrop for the six-paneled contemporary Chinese screen of watered silk over the bed. The ceiling is covered with an off-white textured wallpaper that reflects the room's quiet shades of pink and green and imparts an iridescent glow to the whole. The understated palette is spiced with a shock of deep coral-pink velvet on the very-French sofa. The carved wood table is from Italy.

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3-IN-1 COMPOUND

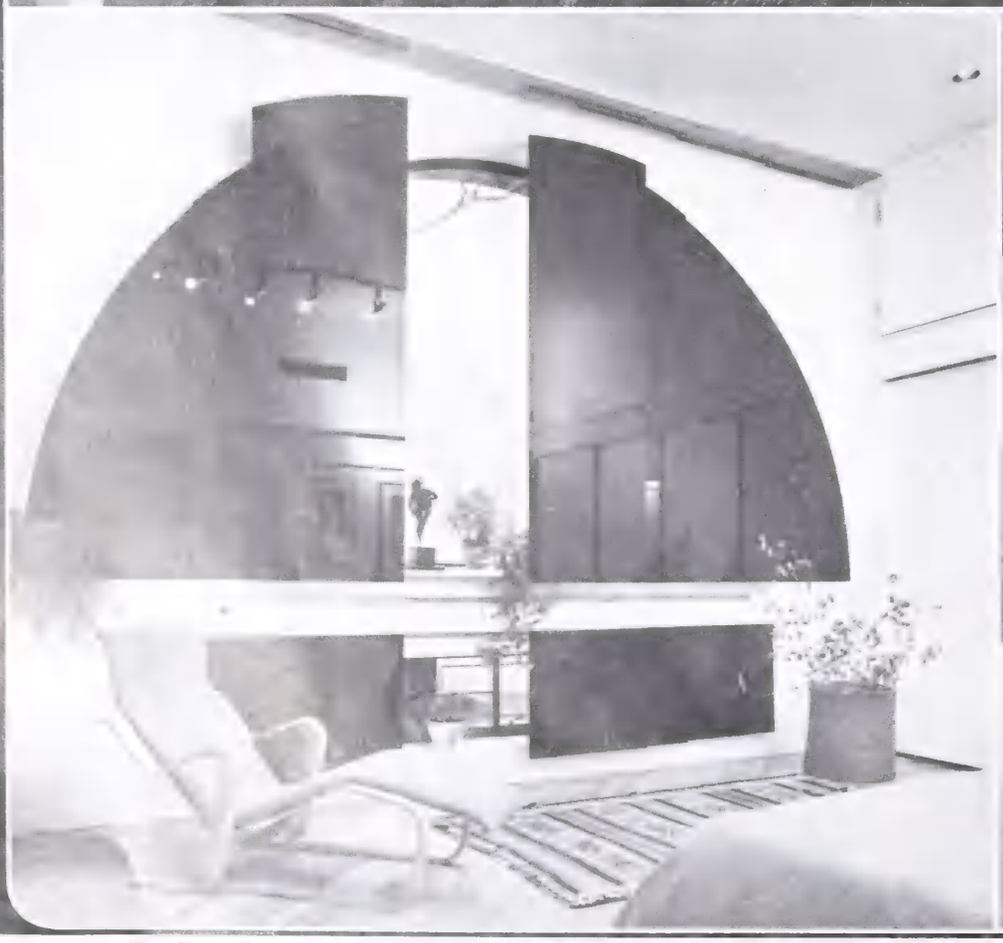
for the different generations of one Manhattan family



DAVID HIRSCH

By SUSAN LEWIN □ It's an age-old question: Can different generations of the same family live happily, or at least peacefully, under one roof? For the Gershon family, the answer is a decided yes, because their new house was designed as a family compound with three distinct living units for parents and two grown sons, both medical doctors with two different lifestyles. The house itself is a rarity in Manhattan—an all-new private home, built when the previous house on the site was destroyed by fire. In direct reference to the architectural vocabulary of the existing townhouses on the tree-shaded Eastside street, architects Gueron, Lepp and Associates designed a brick façade with an arched window over the doorway. But the late 19th-century proportions were exaggerated here into the late 20th-century esthetics of dramatic superscale for this very 20th-century family.







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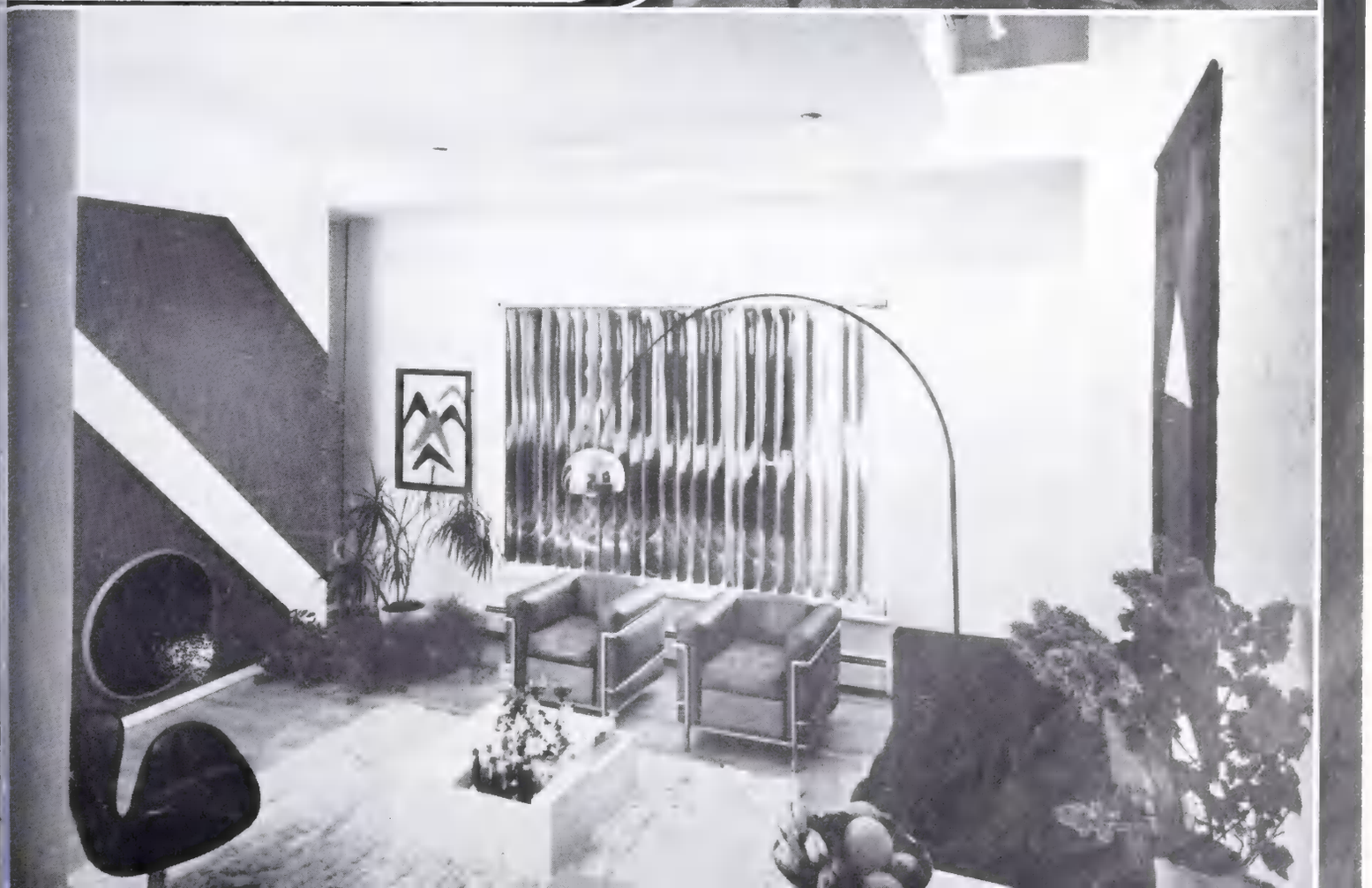


for parents and sons

To give each of these three distinct family groups as much privacy and space as possible, the architects made the house five stories high. After much deliberation, the plan that all the Gershons and the architects settled on was that the parents would have the garden-duplex apartment on the first two floors (*left, all three views*), the bachelor son would have a studio on the third floor (*upper right*) and the younger son, with his pediatrician wife, their small children, Husky dog and housekeeper, would have the triplex that occupies the upper three floors and the roof garden (*right and below*).

In spite of this careful planning, things were still a bit tight and the architects employed every space-expanding device they reasonably could. Light colors were used throughout: light oak flooring in the lower duplex, pale wheat quarry tile on the dining bridge in the triplex and white rock maple flooring for the rest of the house. Spaces were designed to open without encumberances into other spaces—both horizontally between rooms and vertically between floors. For example, the living room of the parents' duplex (*above left*) borrows space from the floor above, occupied by the bedroom with its huge semicircular window and card balcony with its supergraphics. The two-story spaces in the triplex also allow for an interchange of light and air between the floors. The bright red and orange supergraphics are also great devices for bending and expanding space—here obliterating the corners and edges they run across. Furnishings, too, were chosen with great attention to visual effect. Nowhere is there an impression of bulkiness, but instead an emphasis on the airiness of pedestal chairs, see-through arms and slender lines.

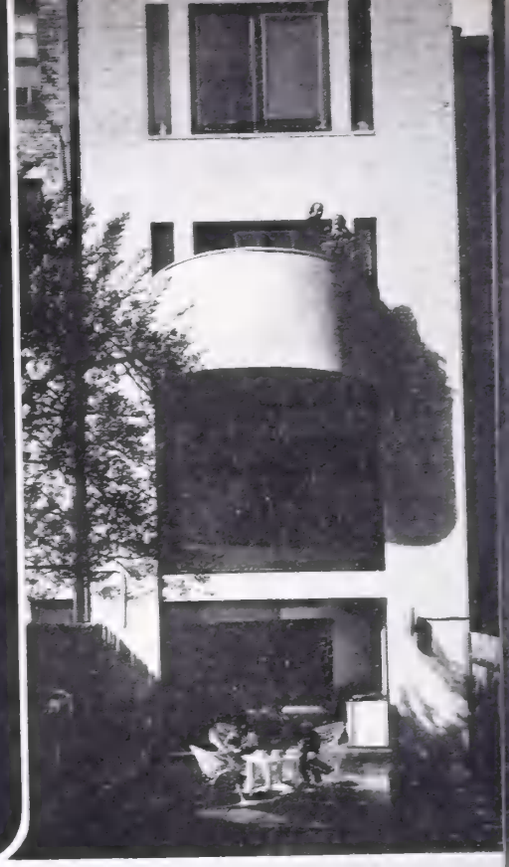


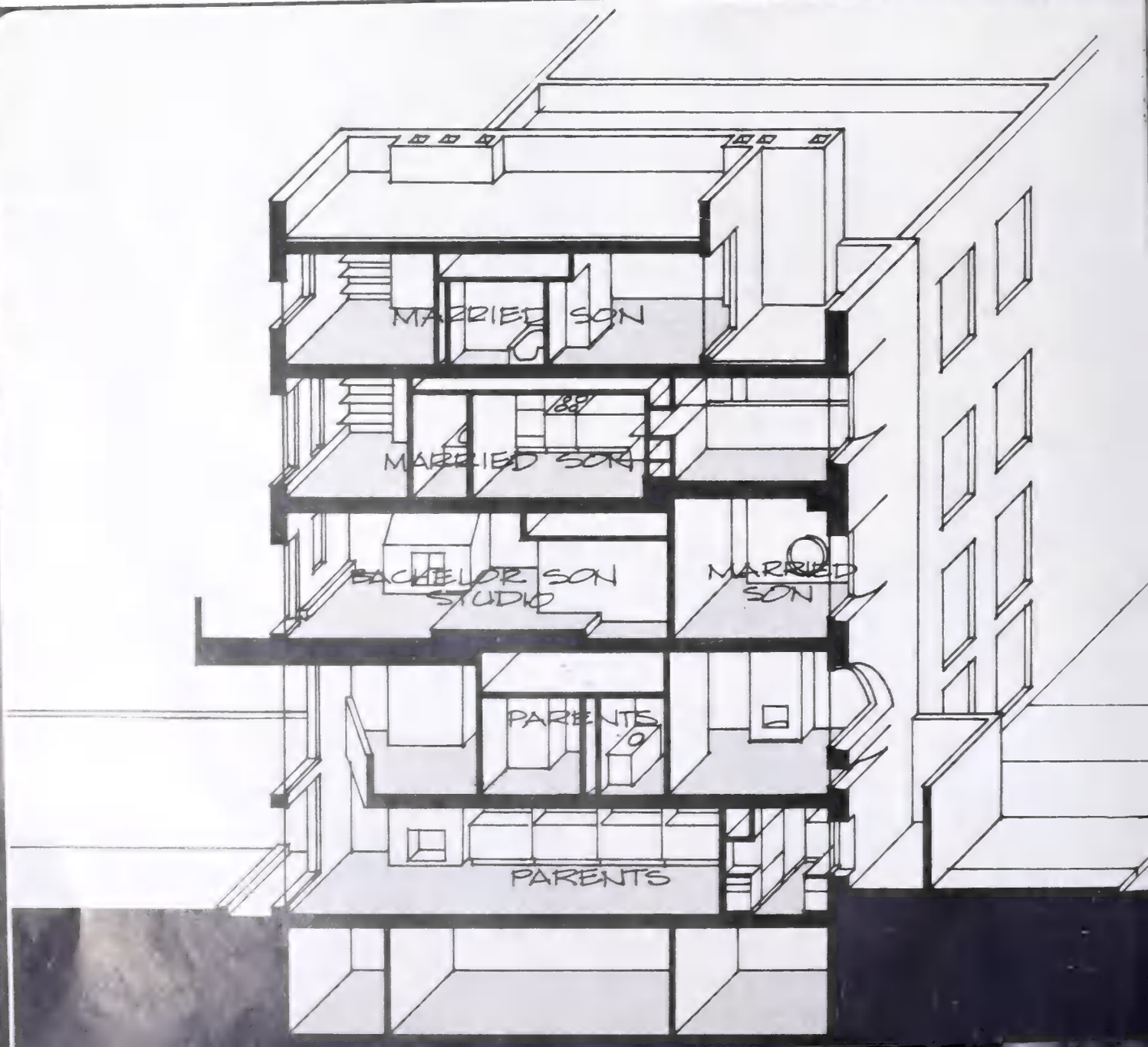


a triple play, too, with the outdoors

In addition to giving each apartment large window expanses that bring in the maximum sunlight and fresh air, Henri Gueron and Stephen Lepp also gave each apartment access to the outdoors—another visual space expander. The parents have a beautifully planted garden off their living room (see *lower portion of section drawing*); the married son and his family have a roof garden directly off the master bedroom on the top floor; the bachelor son has a small semicircular balcony cantilevered out from his apartment (see *rear elevation at right*). Because the balcony and garden have a southern exposure, the sun can be especially strong on hot summer days. The balcony serves a double purpose in that it also acts as a sun shield, shading part of the garden and the large sliding glass doors below. As the three Gershon apartments indicate, there was a real understanding—by both architects and clients—of living in small spaces: All is simple, uncluttered and clean.

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VARIETY MEATS *all the facts*

Inmeats—as they are correctly called in both *Webster's New International Dictionary* (second edition) and the *Oxford English Dictionary*—the edible inner parts of animals, are known in France as *abats* and in England as offal. In the U.S., variety meats, as we designate them, include only the liver, kidneys, heart, tongue and brains of beef, veal, pork and lamb, the sweetbreads of young beef, veal and lamb and the tripe of beef. But abroad, pig's, calf's and lamb's feet, calf's and pig's heads, as well as the tails of beef (oxtail), lamb, pork and veal, are all classified as *abats* or offal.

The National Live Stock and Meat Board tells us that variety meats are extremely valuable nutritionally, supplying the body with iron, vitamin A, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin and ascorbic acid. At the same time, they are low in calories: a 3½-ounce cooked serving of liver, kidneys, brains, sweetbreads or tripe averages only about 145 calories. Obviously, this count does not take into consideration any other ingredients that may be used in the preparation of the meats.

Livers: Beef is the largest and the least tender, but all livers have the same food value except pork, which is exceptionally high in iron—about four times that of other types. Pork liver is used primarily in terrines and pâtés. Calf's liver, which William Berliner, producer of the famous Plume de Veau, says should correctly be called veal liver, "is so tender when perfect you can almost push a finger through it." Liver can be braised, grilled, sautéed or ground for loaves, pâtés, etc. In our opinion, one would never grind anything so elegant and delicate as Plume de Veau liver but would sauté it in butter (see page 163). Livers are available fresh or frozen.

Kidneys: As is true of livers, veal, lamb and pork, kidneys are more tender and more delicate in flavor than beef kidneys. They are elegant grilled or broiled but can also be braised. Broiled lamb chops with a lamb kidney in the center are an epicure's delight and a most elegant and delicious extravagance.

Hearts: Beef heart is the least tender, but all hearts must be tenderized by proper cooking. Generally they are cooked in broth or braised slowly and for a long time, but they can also be ground for meat loaves and patties.

Tongue: Beef tongue is available in many ways: fresh (usually must be ordered in advance), pickled and corned and smoked, but pork, veal and lamb's tongues are usually available only canned. When cooked properly—and these are the key words—there are few meats that will equal a good beef tongue fresh or smoked. See our recipe for the fresh on page 164.

Brains: In French, *cervelles*, very tender, soft in consistency, with a delicate flavor, brains must be absolutely fresh. And since they are extremely perishable, the precooking that is essential for most recipes should be done immediately after purchase. They can be prepared in many ways, including braised, baked, sautéed or cooked in soufflés, fritters, custards, etc. If frozen, they must be stored at zero temperature or below.

Sweetbreads: The thymus glands of a young calf (*ris de veau* in French) are a great delicacy and, like brains, highly perishable. They, too, must be precooked for most recipes; they can be used in innumerable ways, including baked, broiled, creamed, etc. If frozen, store at zero temperature or below.

Tripe: This is the stomach of beef cattle, the smaller section of which is called honeycomb tripe. Probably the most famous tripe dish in the world is Tripe à la Mode de Caen. Tripe is always precooked to tenderize it before being fried, broiled, baked, stewed.

Feet: The feet of pigs, calves or lambs have very little meat but the rich flavor more than compensates for the small quantity. Very savory and tender, they call initially for long, slow cooking in salted water. Then they can be pickled, broiled, stewed, etc. In the eyes of the U.S. Government, feet are not considered variety meats and of the three, pig's feet are usually the only ones that are readily available.

Heads: In the U.S., only pig's heads are available and those only if ordered in advance. If by chance you buy a pig's head lacking the tongue, it will indicate that the head has been inspected by the USDA. In order to inspect it, the tongue must be cut out. Pig's head is used primarily to make headcheese (see *page 166*).

Tails: Although for the obvious reason very bony, the flavor of tails, and particularly oxtails (or joints), in a stew is delicious. Tails may have to be ordered in advance but you can probably find them available frozen in some markets.

GREAT BRITISH CLASSIC

– *beefsteak and kidney pie*

Traditionally, Beefsteak and Kidney Pie is made with beef kidney, but we prefer veal kidneys because they are much more delicate and, in the final analysis, make a more elegant dish. Some recipes call for the addition of oysters and/or mushrooms. A perfectly delicious entrée, it makes a splendid addition to a buffet and should be served with only a green salad.

3 pounds round steak
5 tablespoons flour
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons thyme (about)
Suet
1 onion, peeled, split and stuck with 2 cloves
Condensed beef broth (about 1½ cans, 10-ounce size)
2 veal kidneys, skinned
6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter
2 onions, peeled and sliced thin
About 20 sprigs parsley, minced
Pastry (below)
1 egg yolk, beaten with 1 tablespoon water

When you buy the meat, ask the butcher for a small piece of suet. Chop fine to make 4 to 5 tablespoons. Set aside.

Cut off and discard any fat on the steak, then slice into strips approximately three by 1½ inches. Combine 3 tablespoons of the flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon pepper and 1 teaspoon thyme in a large bag. Shake to mix well. Add the pieces of steak and shake again to coat the meat all over.

Melt the chopped suet in a large enameled cast-iron casserole. When the bits are crisp and the fat hot, brown the meat quickly, a few pieces at a time, over a high heat. Return all the browned meat to the casserole, add the onion with cloves, 1 teaspoon of thyme and enough beef broth and water (half and half) to cover the meat. Bring to a boil, add the lid, reduce heat and simmer until tender when pierced with a fork (about 1½ hours).

If there is any skin left on the kidneys, peel it off and discard. Then slice rather thin. Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in a heavy skillet. Lightly brown the sliced kidneys, a few at a time, quickly, over a good heat. As they brown, lift them from the skillet to paper towels. (*Continued on page 163*)



TALKING OF WINE

four experts explore the mystique and answer the questions you'd like to ask

By R.S. CALLVERT □ ***What about all those wine traditions? Are those seemingly sacred rules really so sacred? What's in, what's out and what's good in wine this year? To find out, we brought together four experts to answer some of the many questions novice wine-lovers ask—or want to ask. Our experts:*** **Sam Aaron,** ***president of the house of Sherry-Lehmann Inc., widely regarded as the most prestigious wine merchants in the country. He is also an author and lecturer on wine and even his wine catalogues are considered collector's items.*** **James Beard,** ***acclaimed as America's most eminent food authority, whose many books and articles and television appearances stress the affinities between food and wine. He spends much time in France and has authoritative familiarity with French wine-growing districts.*** **Lester Gruber,** ***one of the owners of the London Chop House, award-winning Detroit restaurant with the best wine cellar west of Manhattan and possibly the finest in the country. Its excellence is Gruber's personal achievement.*** **Dante Semproni,** ***who comes from a family that has included distinguished restaurateurs and sommeliers here and in Europe and who manages the country's largest liquor store in the largest department store—Macy's in New York. His avocation is cooking—with wine, of course.***

Q. *To what extent has wine taken over from hard liquor for drinking at the cocktail hour?*

A. SEMPRONI: Old customs die hard. The Martini is still going strong, but I think there's a growing realization that appetites can be enhanced by drinks that are much lower in alcoholic content. AARON: I'd say the popularity of wine is exploding fantastically. It's an "in" thing. After World War II, people collected very good automobiles, then art, then travel, then high fi. Today they're collecting wines and talking about them.

Q. *If wine is becoming so popular, will there continue to be enough to go around?*

A. BEARD: The supply will be blended. It will be diluted. Stretched. GRUBER: Yes, many European shippers are beginning to stretch wines or to "manufacture" them to formulas rather than providing the natural product of one year from one vineyard. I suppose there's nothing fundamentally wrong with manufactured wine. It's just you ought to know the wine is not so authentic, not so honest—it's not pure silk, it's synthetic. AARON: In the long run Shakespeare will outsell Eddie Guest. The good, honest wines will prevail. Also, new sources will meet the demand. Wine doesn't have to come from France or Germany. Ask a vineyard owner in Spain or in California and he'll tell you how eager he is to meet the demand.

Q. *What do you suggest as "appetizer" wines for the cocktail hour?*

A. AARON: A light, dry, young, elegant Moselle from Germany. BEARD: I'm partial to Champagne. I'd also recommend very dry Sherry, such as Manzanilla. The French apéritif, Lillet, is becoming better known. Then there's Dubonnet, both red and white, Campari from Italy and French wines from the Loire, such as Muscadet and Sancerre. SEMPRONI: An herbed wine, such as Vermouth, and Lillet. AARON: Sugar dulls the appetite, so literally you don't want anything sweet. Yet Dubonnet is terribly sweet, and still it's considered an apéritif. Why? Because it comes out of French culture and the French like sweet things before meals. I think Americans will favor the really dry whites.

Q. *Is a liking for wine a natural-born taste or must it be acquired?*

A. BEARD: Acquired—but it can be acquired at a very early age. AARON: It's my belief most Americans, as young adults, first try sweet wines, following their adolescent fondness for Cokes and ice cream sodas. Next they tend toward the medium-dry wines and ultimately the dry, as they gain experience and knowledge. An acquired taste, finally becoming subtle and sophisticated.

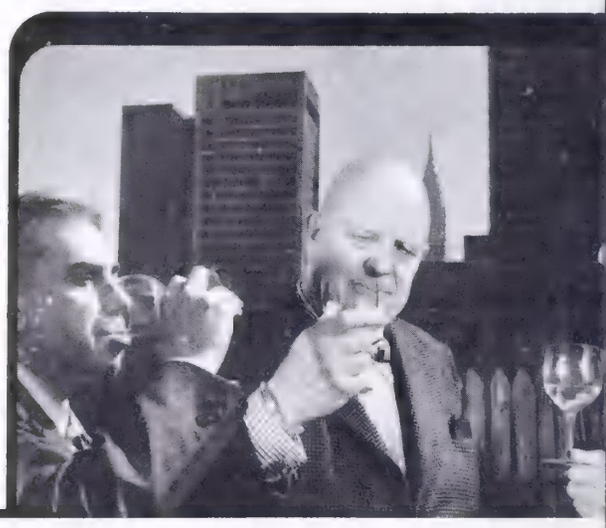
Q. *If wine prices keep going up, wouldn't it be a good idea to buy a few cases now and sell them later?*

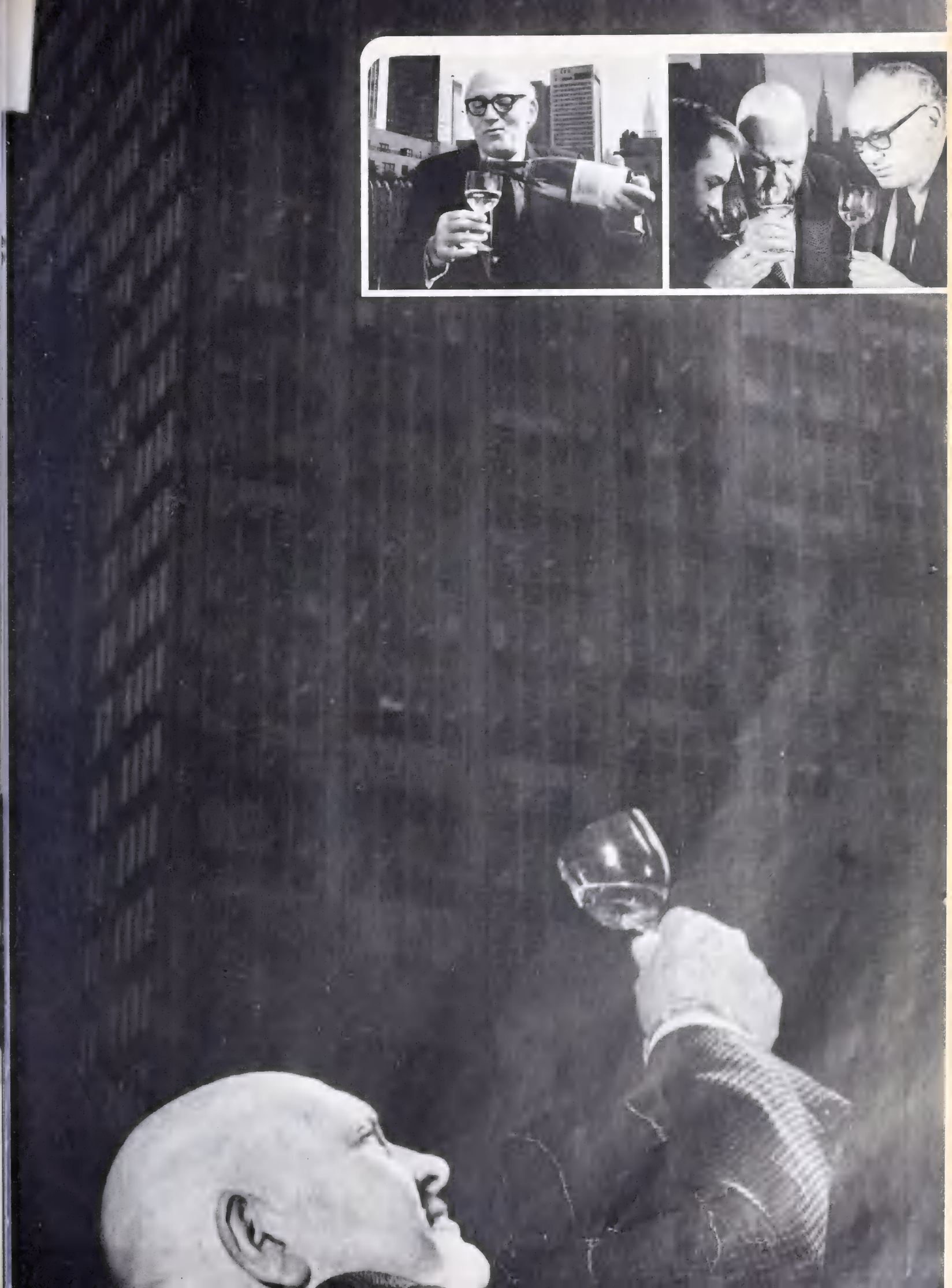
A. SEMPRONI: If you're a person who is just looking for profit, then you destroy the idea of enjoying wine for its own sake. AARON: You'd become a merchant—like Dante and me. Also you'll need an attorney to help you get your federal and state permits and fill out a lot of forms and then you'll pay several thousand dollars in fees, all to make a few dollars per case. No, the important thing is that if you buy now for your own drinking, you may save $30 to $40 per case, or more, on that wine a few years from now.

Q. *So what are some real bargains?*

A. SEMPRONI: The bargains come from the lesser grape-growing regions, places most people don't know about. Alsace, the mountain areas of France. BEARD: Yes, and also the vintage bottlings of California wines. They, too, are not too well known. GRUBER: Alsatian wine is a bargain in my state of Michigan because people there are just not familiar with it. It has *(Continued on page 160)*

When three expert wine-lovers meet, they naturally sniff, taste and talk about wine. Here, three of our panelists do just that at one of their sessions at a Manhattan penthouse. Below, left to right: *Dante Semproni, James Beard and Sam Aaron.* EUGENE COOK





HOW TO LARD SMALL & LARGE CUTS OF MEAT

Larding, a technique employed from time immemorial, simply means to insert fine strips of fresh pork fat (*lardons*) into meat that lacks fat of its own, thus greatly improving the flavor. It is especially desirable with pot roast, particularly if it is to be served cold at a buffet, and it is sometimes used in beef fillets. There are two kinds of *lardoires* (larding needles): the small *lardoire* for small cuts such as filet mignon, tournedos, etc.; the large grooved needle, which is used for large cuts of meat, such as a pot roast. Larding is always done with the grain of the meat.

Note: The fat used is fat back (*lard gros*), because it is firm and white and is not inclined to disintegrate as easily as fat from other parts of the pig. Always refrigerate so it can be easily cut into strips.

by Jacques Pépin
THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF





1. *Larding a small cut of meat with the small needle: Cut very small strips of fat (no more than ⅛ inch wide). Insert one end into the split end of the needle as far as it will go.* **2.** *Holding the split end together tightly with one hand, insert the needle into the meat. Carefully pull it through with the other hand, leaving small strips dangling on both sides of the meat.* **3.** *Repeat technique until the meat is "marbled" with the lardons. Do not trim off the dangling strips until after cooking the meat and just before serving.* **4.** *Larding a large cut of meat with the grooved needle: Before placing the strip of fat into the needle, push the needle through the meat to make an opening. Withdraw the needle.* **5.** *and* **6.** *Lay the strip of fat in the groove, pressing it down firmly along the full length of the needle. Then insert your needle into the opening you have made, twisting it gently as you push it in. As you withdraw the needle, lift the end of the fat and hold onto it with your thumb. Otherwise, the entire strip will come out. Repeat until the entire piece of meat is larded every 1½ to two inches.*

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TALKING OF WINE

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a distinctive flavor. The same is true of New York and Ohio state wines, which have a "foxy" or "gamy" taste unlike the European flavor of most California wines. Among the lesser known French wines, I'd suggest Jura, Rousette, Corbieres, Crepy —wines that most people have never heard of—and add wines of the Loire and Rhône.

Q. *What are some of the most popular California wines? And the New York wines?*
A. SEMPRONI: Among the Californias, we sell a great deal of Christian Brothers and Paul Masson. Among New York wines, it's Taylor. AARON: I'd put Gallo ahead for California. Their wines are almost as popular as Cold Duck. If you're looking for distinction in California wines, then it's Wente, Martini, Beaulieu, Inglenook, to name just some. New York produces some remarkable wines, such as Dr. Frank's Pinot Chardonnay and Bully Hill from the Finger Lakes district.

Q. *Beaujolais seems to have caught the fancy of Americans. What's good right now?*
A. BEARD: Moulin-à-Vent, Juliénas, Fleurie. They're all good.

Q. *It's said that Beaujolais should be drunk when it's "young," perhaps only a year old. How about that?*
A. SEMPRONI: If it's just ordinary Beaujolais, drink it right away. The finer wines, such as Moulin-à-Vent, can be kept. AARON: Yes, I'd say that the '69 Beaujolais has some depth and reasonable longevity, maybe five years. In '70, nearly all the wine was typical Beaujolais, absolutely charming but not long-lived. The '71 wine was slow to mature, and we'll be able to enjoy the finer bottles perhaps 10 years from now. I'd call '70 the best of the three. BEARD: Incidentally, Beaujolais tastes better when slightly chilled. Not icy-cold, just a bit chilled.

Q. *What's your opinion of French wines from the Rhône?*
A. BEARD: The reds are very fruity and especially good with game and red meat. SEMPRONI: They are some of the very best values. The best known red is Châteauneuf du Pape and among the whites, Hermitage. AARON: the Rhône wines have been much neglected. Also, they are still less expensive than Burgundies.

Q. *What's the difference in* vin ordinaire *and* vin du pays?
A. BEARD: *Vin ordinaire* means just what it sounds like. It's the ordinary wine you might buy in a cask. AARON: It's wine of the lowest quality. *Vin du pays*, however, means wine of the countryside. In New York state, the wine known as High Tor is *vin du pays* and California's Napa Valley produces *vin du pays*. Not necessarily cheap.

Q. *Are there any South American wines to keep in mind?*
A. AARON: The wines from Chile are the best of the non-European wines. Try a bottle of Chile's Cabernet Sauvignon, the same grape used in Bordeaux. You'll pay about $2 for wine that would cost $4 or more if the source were Bordeaux. SEMPRONI: Agreed, except that I feel the Chilean white wines are better than the reds.

Q. *What are some of the most popular German wines?*
A. AARON: All the good ones are white. Forget about German red wines. The most popular goes under the name of Liebfraumilch, meaning "The Milk of Our Lady." It's actually a regional wine that varies greatly in quality, depending on who makes it. The greater German wines are estate-bottled. Like the best wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy, they come from specific vineyards in specific districts. SEMPRONI: Knowledgeable buyers favor estate wines from the Rheingau and Moselle. And the greatest usually cost more than the greatest French.

Q. *How do you go about learning to identify the superior German wines?*
A. GRUBER: It requires some study. The better wines are labeled in such a way that everything, literally everything you need to know, is on the label, such as the district, the name of the town where the vineyard is located, the name of the vineyard, the grape variety and the year. The great German wines are very sweet and the ultimate sweetness depends a great deal on how and when the grapes were picked. So the label may say *Spätlese*, meaning grapes that were late-picked and riper than the grapes in wine labeled *Kabinett*. The word *Auslese* means selected picking of grapes exposed to the sun, therefore sweeter than *Spätlese*. There are also other terms, such as *Tafelwein*, that distinguish ordinary table wine from the greater wines. It sounds complicated, but once you learn how to read a German wine label, it's all there.

Q. *Is there any reason why you should know about vintage years when buying Port?*
A. BEARD: Not just ordinary Port for everyday drinking. But too few people recognize the significance of vintages for very fine Port. AARON: Vintage is the whole thing. Vintage Port is very different from ordinary Port. The Portuguese government declares a "good year," then the wine stays two years in the barrel, then into bottles to rest for 10 years. It throws a thick sediment, and you enjoy the best.

Q. *Why are bottles of wine stored on their sides?*
A. BEARD: If your wine merchant stores his wine bottles straight up, it's a bad sign. The cork is the liaison, so to speak, between the wine and you. That cork must be kept wet so it doesn't shrink and allow the alcohol and the flavor of the wine to escape from the bottle.

Q. *How long can a white wine be kept in the refrigerator?*
A. SEMPRONI: If the bottle has been opened and the cork replaced, perhaps a couple of weeks. But when you serve it, the wine will be too cold and ought to be allowed to become a bit warmer. AARON: Of course an unopened bottle could be kept in the refrigerator for maybe five years. After that, most white wines start deteriorating. But if the bottle has been opened . . . remember that in prolonged doses, air is an enemy of wine. So I'd say about a week. BEARD: I believe that a red wine, if the cork is replaced, actually keeps better in the refrigerator than a white.

Q. *Guests are coming to dinner, and I want to serve a good wine. How can I, as an amateur, know what's really good?*
A. AARON: Well, if you like it, I suppose it's good. But basically, you just have to *learn* by experience. If you know nothing about art, then your opinion of Matisse has no validity. With some knowledge of wine comes some validity. GRUBER: Meanwhile, seek the advice of your trustworthy wine merchant.

Q. *A wine connoisseur is coming to dinner at my house. What wine might I serve that he'd be likely to enjoy.*
A. AARON: If he's label-conscious and he's your boss, it might be advisable to spend $25 or more for a Château Lafite-Rothschild or a Montrachet. But I honestly believe your choice should be the wine you personally prefer. If you know anything at all about wine, your guest will honor your decision.

Q. *How can you tell a phony wine connoisseur from one who genuinely does know wine?*
A. GRUBER: If you haven't done your homework on wine, you'll never know whether what he tells you is right or wrong. SEMPRONI: If he taiks too much about wine, he probably doesn't know too much.

Q. *Is it always a "must" to serve white wine with fish, red wine with red meat?*
A. AARON: The so-called rules governing what wines to serve with what foods were created in England, which produces very little wine. England only consumes it. The French don't seem to bother much with British ideas. They smoke cigarettes when they drink wine. They'll have red wine with fish, white wine with the steak. They'll concede that white wine does go better with delicate food, but if you prefer a lusty red wine—well, that's *your* preference. BEARD: I agree there are no sacred rules, but rather some combinations that appeal to the taste of most people. White wine with fish and poultry, reds with game and meats—those combinations satisfy most people. But Beaujolais goes well with salmon. In general, the richer the food, the more robust the wine—but wine doesn't go with the spicy Mexican and Oriental dishes. Beer is better. However, if you make a ritual out of these affinities, you can become a tiresome wine bore.

Q. *Do the size and shape of the glasses really matter?*
A. BEARD: Absolutely. Much better to have large glasses. Helps you in inhaling the bouquet. AARON: The way the wine looks, its bouquet and its taste are the three essentials. The glass should be eight to 10 ounces, tulip-shaped, stemmed.

Q. *A friend and I are dining in a wonderful French restaurant in Manhattan, and we want a French red wine to go with the entree. How do I impress her for less than $20?*
A. BEARD: That's a personal problem. If you really know about wine, you might select an off-year vintage of a great wine. The conversation leading to this decision ought to impress her. Or, in some fine restaurants you can order good wine *en carafe*, and even that might impress her. Just how much does this girl know about wine? AARON: Yes, it all depends on your relationship to your girl friend. If she really loves you, you can order a Rhône wine for $8.50, and she'll respect your honesty. GRUBER: If this restaurant has a good cellar, there are bound to be wines for less than $20. Look for the better vintage years—'53, '55, '59, '61, '62,

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A. BEARD: It's more of the mystique. But theoretically he may be able to tell if the wine has turned sour or spoiled in any way. SEMPRONI: I believe that the sommelier, if he's experienced, might be able to evaluate the quality of the wine by the way the cork smells. At the very least, he can tell if it's no good at all.

Q. *After the sommelier has sniffed the cork, is there any reason why our wine should be decanted before we drink it?*

A. AARON: Yes, many of the finer red wines create sediment. It may be an inch deep in the bottle. So you decant the wine. You pour it slowly into a carafe until you encounter the sediment. Then you stop. SEMPRONI: It's not a problem in drinking everyday wines. GRUBER: As a matter of fact, in my restaurant we make a practice of decanting every bottle of red wine. One purpose is to avoid sediment but, more important, all wine when it's first opened has a faint odor called "bottle stink." If the wine is decanted or allowed to breathe, that slight odor departs. We don't decant white wines because it interferes with the process of chilling them in ice buckets. But if you are drinking white wine at home, I'd say decant it. Exposure to the air improves the flavor for immediate drinking.

Q. *The wine has been decanted and I've tasted it. What would be some sensible reasons for refusing to accept it?*

A. SEMPRONI: If it tastes "corky," send it back. But you ought to avoid an embarrassing hassle. BEARD: Also the wine may be too young to be pleasant. It may be too old and turning sour. If it's white wine, it may be too warm and need to be chilled for a while more. AARON: But whatever the reason, you don't reject the wine as if you were some sort of king. You ask the sommelier or the captain to taste it, too. If they disagree with you, and still you know you're right—then send it back.

Q. *How would someone begin to establish a wine cellar?*

A. BEARD: A wine cellar is a expression of personal taste. I contains what you like, unless of course, you have a great dea of money, are snobbish an want to be able to say you ow several cases of Château Latou of the best years. AARON Start with 36 bottles, reds an whites. Until you've acquire some experience and judgment it's presumptuous even to thin about storing large quantities o wine. SEMPRONI: Start by buy ing the lesser known country and regional wines.

Q. *Do the good vintage years in Europe follow the same pattern everywhere? That is, if an amateur became familiar with the good years of Burgundy could he apply this information to Bordeaux and German wines?*

A. BEARD: No, that won't work Europe may seem small to Americans, but there are radical differences in climate and soil in the various wine-growing areas. AARON: In Bordeaux, '70 was a great year but only fair in Burgundy and a disaster in many places elsewhere. SEMPRONI: So much depends on the producer. Especially in Germany, a fine vintner will often work miracles, making a good wine in a poor year. As a result, no vintage chart can be completely accurate.

Q. *The British magazine* Country Life *says the '71 vintage in France was not as promising as that of '70. What happened?*

A. AARON: I think it's wrong to generalize. The '70 Burgundies were light, but the '71 Burgundies may turn out to be very big and rich. The situation in Bordeaux is the reverse. GRUBER: In Paris earlier this year I tasted 27 French wines of 1971. Very young wines, of course, but you do get intimations of their future. The judges and experts in the group rated more than half the wines as *good*, half a dozen as *very good* and the rest *so-so* or *not good*. I remember three Bordeaux wines that were rated *very good*. We couldn't agree at all on the Burgundies. So you can see that it's a complicated year.

Q. *Would it be possible to control a vintage by growing the grapes in an artificial vineyard, a sort of enclosed climate-conditioned area?*

A. BEARD: I suppose you could, by providing the right soil, feeding the grapes properly and regulating the sunlight. You could try it. SEMPRONI: I suspect you'd get a sterile product. AARON: During the Middle Ages alchemists tried to make artificial gold. They didn't succeed, and they won't succeed in making artificial wine. I hope. ■

VARIETY MEATS

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Add another tablespoon of butter to the skillet, then the sliced onions and ½ cup of water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat somewhat and cook until the onions are soft and all the water has boiled away.

Take a two-quart baking or pie dish that has a flat rim all around. Arrange the steak, kidneys and onions in layers in that order. Taste the broth for seasoning. It may need salt, pepper and/or thyme. It should be well seasoned. Work the remaining butter and flour together to make a *beurre manié*. Drop by bits into the hot broth, beating with a wire whisk until smooth. Place over medium heat and cook, whipping constantly, until the broth has thickened slightly. Pour into the pie dish. If there isn't sufficient liquid to cover the meat, add more (half broth and half water). Sprinkle with minced parsley.

Pastry:

While the meat is cooking, make the pastry.

2 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter, cut into bits
3 tablespoons vegetable shortening
2½ to 3 tablespoons ice water

Combine the flour and salt in a medium bowl. Add the butter and shortening. With a pastry blender, cut the fat into the flour until it is in bits about the size of peas. Place on a lightly floured pastry cloth and knead with the heel of your hand, starting from the outside and pressing hard. Shape into a ball, wrap in waxed paper or foil and chill at least 1½ hours before rolling out.

Roll out on a lightly floured pastry cloth to about a quarter of an inch thick and two to three inches larger than the diameter of the top of the pie dish. Roll up the pastry on the rolling pin, center it over the dish and unroll. Then, with a small, sharp knife, trim the pastry even with the edge of the dish and, with your thumb, press the pastry all around the edge.

Roll out the remaining pastry into a long strip. With a sharp knife, cut the strips into lengths the exact width of the edge around the pie dish (using a ruler makes sense). Place a strip on top of the edge. Using a fork, rounded side down, press the pastry all around the edge. Cut a small hole in the center of the pastry to allow steam to escape. Using the final bit of dough, roll it out and cut into decorative leaf shapes. Arrange around the hole in the center. Finally, brush the entire surface, including the edge, with 1 egg yolk beaten in 1 tablespoon water.

Bake in a preheated 450° oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°; bake 15 to 20 minutes more. Serves six to eight.

Calf's Liver with Herbs

6 slices calf's liver (about ½ inch thick)
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Flour (about 1 cup)
1 tablespoon dried thyme
½ cup (1 stick) sweet butter
Juice of 1 lemon, strained*
10 to 12 parsley leaves, minced
1 bay leaf, crumbled fine

Sprinkle the pieces of liver lightly with salt and pepper. Mix the flour with *half the thyme* in a plastic bag. Add the liver slices, one at a time, and shake to coat with the flour mixture; shake off any excess. Heat the butter in a heavy skillet until almost brown, but take care not to burn it. Cook the liver a few pieces at a time —do not crowd the pan—on both sides until golden. Turn with a spatula rather than a fork, to avoid piercing the delicate meat. (*Note: the liver should be pink inside but not bloody.*) As the liver is cooked, arrange it on a heated serving platter and keep warm.

Stir the lemon juice into the pan juices. Add the remaining thyme, the parsley and the bay leaf. Pour over the liver and serve immediately with either creamed potatoes or whole boiled new potatoes. Serves six.

*Boil the lemon for a minute or two to get more juice.

Oxtail Stew with Sweet White Grapes

3 oxtails (about 4½ pounds), cut into two-inch lengths*
¼ pound salt pork
2 large onions, peeled and coarsely chopped
4 large carrots, washed and coarsely chopped
2 large cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
2 pounds seedless white grapes, washed, stripped and slightly crushed
Bouquet garni:
3 or 4 whole allspice
2 bay leaves
2 or 3 sprigs parsley
½ teaspoon thyme
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Cover the oxtails with cold water and allow them to stand for about two hours.

Cut the rind off the pork, then cut into small cubes. Place the pork in a large, heavy casserole over moderate heat. When it is nicely brown and the fat is running, add all the vegetables. Reduce heat to low and cook for about 10 minutes. Now add the well-dried oxtails, then the bouquet garni tied in a cheesecloth bag. Season the meat with salt and pepper, add the cover and cook over low heat 20 minutes. Then add

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grapes. Cover pot with two sheets of waxed paper, then the lid. Transfer to a preheated 300° oven and cook for three hours. At this point lift the oxtails out of the broth and set aside for the moment. Discard the *bouquet garni*. Push the liquid and remaining ingredients through a sieve or food mill into a large bowl. Allow to stand until the excess fat rises to the top, then skim or siphon off. Pour the sauce back over the meat. (*This can be prepared to this point and finished later.*) Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook for another 30 minutes. At this point the meat should be soft enough to fall off the bones. If not, cook a little longer. Serve with freshly boiled potatoes to six.

*Fresh or frozen (thawed).

Rognons de Mouton en Brochette
(Grilled Lamb Kidneys)

Allow 3 or 4 kidneys per person. Slit the kidneys in half without separating them and string on skewers. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper and brush lightly with vegetable oil.

Broil in a preheated broiler three inches from the source of the heat, 2½ to three minutes on each side. They should be slightly pink inside. After they are cooked, drain for four to five minutes before serving—but keep them warm.

Serve with *Mâitre d'Hôtel Butter:* Mix 1 tablespoon minced parsley, salt and pepper to taste and the strained juice of ½ lemon into 4 tablespoons (½ stick) softened butter. Spoon over kidneys before serving.

Serve with fried potatoes and a bouquet of watercress.

Braised Fresh Tongue

1 fresh beef tongue
3 or 4 carrots, coarsely chopped
2 small or 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
1 large garlic clove, split
2 bay leaves
4 or 5 sprigs parsley
2 or 3 whole cloves
1 bottle dry red wine
⅓ cup Cognac
½ tablespoon salt
6 to 8 whole peppercorns
2 cans (10½-ounce size) condensed beef broth

To boil: Place the tongue in a heavy kettle, cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Boil about five minutes, skimming off any scum that rises to the surface. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook slowly for two hours. Drain and cover with cold water. When the tongue is cool enough to handle, pull off the skin. Where it is reluctant, run a small sharp knife between the meat and the skin. Trim off the entire root end.

Combine all the remaining ingredients *except the beef broth* in a large plastic bag. Add the tongue. Tie securely, squeezing out all air. Place in a bowl or pan in case the bag leaks and marinate for several hours (a minimum of six), turning occasionally so the meat is well soaked. If marinating overnight, refrigerate.

To braise: Place the tongue with the marinade and beef broth in a large ovenproof enameled casserole. Bring up to a boil over a high heat. Cover tightly, then braise in a preheated 325° oven for two hours or until very tender when pierced with a fork. Turn the tongue after the first hour. Lift the tongue from the liquid to a warm platter; keep warm.

Place the casserole over a high heat and reduce the liquid to about half. Taste for seasoning. Strain. If the sauce seems too thin, mix 1 tablespoon of arrowroot with 2 tablespoons of wine until smooth. Add to the sauce and cook over a low heat, whipping constantly with a wire whip until the sauce is slightly thickened.

To serve, slice the tongue and arrange, overlapping, on a large warm platter. Spoon some of the sauce over the meat and pour the remainder into a warm sauceboat. Serve with freshly boiled potatoes to six to eight.

Sweetbreads à la Normandy

3 pairs sweetbreads
Vinegar
Salt
Juice of ½ lemon
½ cup (1 stick) butter
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons applejack or Calvados
½ cup heavy cream
Fried croutons*
9 tart apples

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under a dripping tap of cold water for about two hours. Drain, then pull off as much of the filament as you can without tearing the flesh. Soak again for 1½ to two hours, this time in several changes of cold water mixed with one tablespoon of vinegar per quart. Again, with care, peel off as much filament as you can.

To blanch, place in a heavy saucepan and cover with cold water. Add one teaspoon of salt and the juice of ½ lemon. Bring to a boil, then simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Drain and plunge immediately into cold water. Allow to stand for five minutes. Place on a flat dish, cover with paper towels, put a weight on top and press out as much liquid as possible to solidify the meat. Finally, split each pair in half.

To sauté, heat some of the butter in a heavy skillet; add as many of the slices of sweetbreads as the pan will hold without crowding. Sauté quickly on both sides until golden brown. As it is cooked, place the meat on a heated platter. Season with salt and pepper. Keep adding more butter to the pan as it is needed.

Heat the applejack, ignite and pour flaming into the skillet. Toss the skillet until the flames die out. Stir in the cream and cook, stirring hard, a few minutes. Then pour over the sweetbreads. Surround them with the croutons.

While you sauté the sweetbreads, you can also cook the apples. Peel, quarter and core the apples. Heat two or three tablespoons of butter in a heavy skillet that has a cover. Add the apples and toss so the pieces are well coated with the butter. Cover and cook over a moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until tender, about five to six minutes. Serve separately in a heated vegetable dish. Serves six.

**To make croutons*: Cut off the crust from firm day-old bread; cut into triangles. Heat enough butter in a heavy skillet to make about ⅛ inch on the bottom of the pan. Add the bread and sauté on each side until very lightly browned, adding more butter as it is needed.

Fromage de Tête
(Headcheese)

One of the best parts of the pig, the head, makes excellent brawn (as it's known to the British). But there is little difference between brawn, *fromage de tête* (apparently it was once made with the addition of cheese—hence the name), *hure* (the name for the head of a pig or boar), a *galantine de porc* and *tête pressée* (pressed head). In Lyon, where House Beautiful Chef Jacques Pépin hails from, there is a similar dish known as *civier*, which is untranslatable.

The meat from a pig's head, about 5 pounds
***Bouquet garni* tied in a cheesecloth bag:**
2 carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped
3 garlic cloves, skin on and crushed
Stalks from ½ large bunch parsley
Green tops from 2 leeks, coarsely chopped
3 bay leaves
½ teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
Whites of the 2 leeks, chopped fine
Parsley leaves, chopped fine (from the ½ bunch above)
16 to 18 shallots, peeled and chopped fine (about 1 cup)
6 cups homemade chicken or beef broth*
1 tablespoon freshly ground pepper
2 cups dry white wine

Place the meat in a heavy kettle. Add the *bouquet garni* and all remaining ingredients, except *the wine*. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for two hours. Add the wine and simmer two hours longer. Lift meat from the broth to a tray.

When cool enough to handle, place the largest piece of meat flat on a clean dish towel, skin side down. Discard the bouquet garni. Arrange all the remainder on top. Scoop up the whites of the leeks, the parsley leaves and the shallots with a slotted spoon and scatter over all. Taste the meat here for seasoning. It should be very highly seasoned because once cooled, flavors diminish somewhat.

Roll the meat up tightly in the towel and tie down its length with string. Return to the broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and simmer for 20 minutes. Refrigerate the meat in the broth overnight.

The following day, lift the meat from the broth. Skim off all fat that has risen to the surface. Bring the broth to a boil and taste for seasoning. Strain and pour into a flat pan. Refrigerate until firm.

To serve, slice the meat and arrange on a platter. Cut the jellied broth into squares or diamonds and garnish the platter. Fromage de Tête is customarily served with a sturdy French bread, cornichons and Dijon mustard as a first course. It serves eight or so, depending on appetites of your guests.

*Three cans (10½-ounce size) condensed chicken or beef

broth diluted with the same amount of water.

Gâteau de Foie Eunice
(Chicken Liver Soufflé with Mushroom Sauce)

A specialty of the little village of Valdrôme in the Drôme region of France, which is half in the Dauphine and half in Provence, this *gâteau* is usually prepared when a rabbit is killed. Lacking a rabbit, chicken livers are substituted. The gizzards or edible entrails of poultry are called *abatis* in French. It is interesting that the entrée is called a *gâteau* since it is, in fact, a beautiful soufflé.

6 chicken livers
¼ cup Cognac
½ cup (1 stick) butter, cut into bits
2 shallots, peeled and minced
3 to 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
3 tablespoons fine breadcrumbs
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup milk, heated
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
4 egg yolks
6 egg whites
6 to 8 sprigs parsley, minced

Place the livers with the Cognac in a polyethylene bag, tie securely and place in a bowl in case the bag leaks. Marinate for at least eight hours or overnight.

Drain the livers well and reserve the marinade. Then dry the livers between paper towels. Melt 5 tablespoons of the butter in a skillet. Add the livers and sauté over moderate heat about two minutes. Do not brown. Add the shallots and garlic and cook one minute longer, stirring constantly. Take off the heat.

While the livers are still warm, cut into fairly small pieces. Place in the container of the electric blender with the butter from the skillet and the marinade and blend to a smooth purée. Set aside.

Thoroughly butter a one-quart soufflé mold, including the curve at the bottom. Then coat with the breadcrumbs. Refrigerate. *To make the Béchamel for the soufflé base:* Melt the remaining 3 tablespoons of butter in a heavy saucepan. Stir in the flour until smooth. Cook over moderate heat for two to three minutes but do not brown. Add the hot milk while whipping constantly with a wire whisk. When the Béchamel has thickened, season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, beating hard with the whisk after each addition. Stir in the liver purée and parsley. Taste for seasoning.

With a rotary beater or in the electric mixer, beat the egg whites until they hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Add about a third of the whites to the liver mixture and beat in thoroughly with the whisk. Dump the mixture on top of the remaining whites and fold in carefully with a rubber spatula. Pour into the prepared mold and place in a preheated 400° oven for 25 minutes. Serve with Mushroom Sauce to three, perhaps four.

Mushroom Sauce

1 pound firm, fresh mushrooms
Juice of ½ lemon, strained
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter
¾ cup heavy cream
2 egg yolks
5 or 6 sprigs parsley, minced

While the soufflé is baking, make the sauce. Wipe the caps of the mushrooms with a clean cloth wrung out in cold water. Break off the stems (reserve to make mushroom soup) and slice the caps fairly thin. Place in a large heavy saucepan with the lemon juice, a pinch of salt and pepper and 3 tablespoons of the butter. Add enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer the mixture for about 10 minutes.

Drain off the broth into another saucepan. Place over a high heat and boil until reduced to ½ cup. Skim off any scum that rises to the surface. Place the remaining tablespoon of butter in a large skillet. When melted, add the well-drained mushrooms and cook, stirring, for about a minute. Now remove the skillet from the heat.

Add the cream to the reduced broth and bring to a boil. Beat the two egg yolks with a wire whisk until well mixed. Beat in three or four tablespoons of the cream-broth mixture. Then combine the two, beating constantly. Bring up to a boil, still beating, but do not allow the sauce to boil or it will curdle. Add the mushrooms. Bring to a boil again. Pour into a heated sauceboat and garnish with the minced parsley.

Pieds de Porc Rémoulade
(Pig's Feet)

6 pig's feet, split in half (about 4½ pounds)
***Bouquet garni* tied in a cheesecloth bag:**
2 bay leaves
The white of 1 leek, chopped coarsely
1 carrot, peeled and chopped coarsely
½ teaspoon thyme
1 small bunch parsley
Several twists of the peppermill
5 cups chicken or beef broth*
Dash salt

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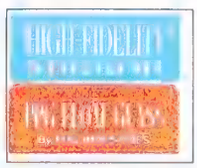
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Landscaping for the Toledo house was by Vernon J. Wiersma & Associates of Toledo.

Consistent with the pace of modern construction, this house is partially manufactured in a factory. Sidewalls and partitions are assembled in Scholz's Toledo plant and many other parts are precut or partially assembled there. Scholz Homes Inc. has been manufacturing homes for 23 years and is now the largest producer of luxury homes in the business.

Yet, this house is as much custom-built as any residence constructed board by board, nail by nail on the site—be-

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Place the pig's feet, the *bouquet garni*, salt, pepper and broth in a heavy kettle. Bring to a boil. Cover tightly, reduce heat and simmer for 4½ hours. Meanwhile, make the *Rémoulade Sauce:*

½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 egg yolk
½ teaspoon kosher salt
⅛ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1½ tablespoons wine vinegar
¾ cup vegetable or imported peanut oil
½ small yellow onion, peeled and minced
3 tablespoons chervil or parsley, minced

Combine the mustard, egg yolk, salt, pepper and vinegar in a bowl. Beat with a wire whisk until well mixed. Then add the oil slowly, almost drop by drop, beating constantly. When all the oil has been added, stir in the onion and parsley.

To serve, cool the pig's feet right in the broth until lukewarm. Arrange on a platter and coat with the Rémoulade. Serve with loads of crusty French bread as an hors d'oeuvre or for lunch. Serves six.

*Or 3 cans (10½-ounce size) of condensed chicken broth or beef broth diluted with the equivalent amount of water.

Cervelles de Veau, Beurre Noir
(Calf's Brains in Black Butter)

Brains, one of the most delicate of all the variety meats, are available fresh and frozen. It has been our experience that it is somewhat easier to remove the thin membrane from the fresh brains rather than from those that have been frozen.

A dish in themselves, brains make an ideal light dinner accompanied by mashed or parsley potatoes, braised spinach and a light dry red wine.

3 calf's brains
2 medium onions, peeled and sliced
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
1½ teaspoons salt
3 bay leaves
¼ teaspoon thyme
⅓ cup wine vinegar
Flour
Vegetable oil
Butter

Place the brains under a dripping tap of cold water for two hours, then in cold salted water for one hour. This helps to soften the filament or membrane that encloses them and makes it somewhat easier to remove, although, at best, this is a rather tedious job.

Combine the onions, peppercorns, salt, bay leaves, thyme and vinegar with six cups of cold water in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add the brains and simmer 10 minutes. Cool right in the broth. When cold, separate the two halves. Then cut each half across into two pieces. Flatten with the broad side of a heavy knife.

Roll in flour seasoned with salt and freshly ground pepper. Press in the flour to flatten the brains again. Now heat a good film of oil and butter (half and half) in a heavy skillet. When hot, sauté the brains very quickly until golden and cooked through. Arrange on a heated serving platter. Keep warm while making *Black Butter:*

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) sweet butter, cut up
3 tablespoons capers, drained
2 tablespoons vinegar
About 8 to 10 leaves parsley, minced fine

Melt the butter over medium heat until it darkens. Sprinkle capers over the brains and pour the butter over all. Add the vinegar to the hot pan and tilt it back and forth to heat the vinegar. Pour over the brains. Sprinkle with the parsley and serve at once. This will serve six. ■

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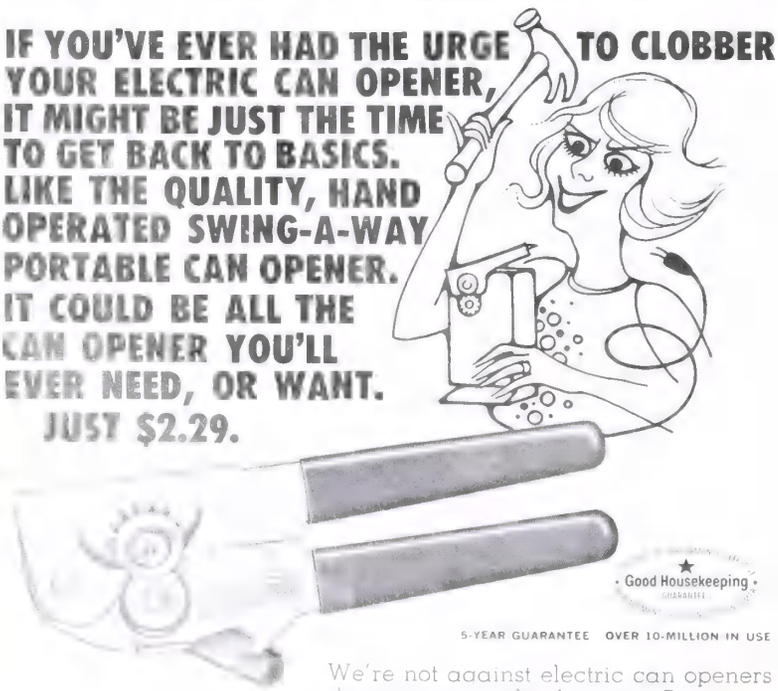
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What is gomashio?

It's Japanese and means sesame (*goma*) salt (*shio*). Prized greatly by the Japanese, gomashio is invariably sprinkled over a very special festival or celebration dish called *seikian*, meaning red (*seki*) rice (*han*). The rice cooked with red soy beans becomes pink-tinted. A dash of *gomashio* gives the rice a very pleasant and zippy "nip." We think Westerners might well use it to season salads or to make a casserole happier or stir it into nonsweet batters or doughs or sprinkle it over noodles. Maida Heatter Daniels tells us that she uses *gomashio* in omelets and that it "tastes great over mashed potatoes if you remember to undersalt the potatoes when you prepare them." Whatever, it is perfectly delicious, but in using it, keep in mind the fact that *shio* means salt.

What is vinaigrette?

It actually means vinegar sauce (*vinaigre* is French for vinegar) and is the classic sauce served with salads in France. Made usually with peanut oil, although sometimes olive oil or a combination of the two oils, vinegar, salt and pepper and, in many instances, French mustard such as Dijon.

What is zwieback?

From the German (*zwie* means twice) and *back* (bake), it is twice-baked bread. The delight of babies, it also is used, like graham cracker or ginger snap crumbs, to make crusts for gelatin or sweetened fresh fruit pies. A quick and easy way to make a pie shell if you're in a hurry.

Who invented the Waldorf salad?

Not, as one would expect, the chef but rather the maitre d'hôtel Oscar Tschirky, known everywhere and to everybody in his day as Oscar of the Waldorf. The original recipe called only for equal parts of raw apples, cut in small pieces, and celery, moistened with mayonnaise and served on lettuce leaves. Later, coarsely chopped walnuts were added and it is this version that has become famous.

What is Westphalian ham?

Along with *foie gras*, caviar and lobster, it's one of the delights of the gastronome. Of German origin, it is a "hard" ham with a distinctive flavor. The hams are first placed in a brine, then air-dried and finally smoked over resin-free beech- and ash-wood fires to which some juniper branches have been added.

What is a tuile?

Tuile is the French for tile. Culinarily, *tuiles* are thin, crisp wafers (*petits-fours*), made with or without almonds, and once baked are bent while still warm over a rolling pin so that when they are cold they are shaped like curved tiles. They are served with ice cream or other cold desserts that call for a biscuit of some kind. We like them with a cup of hot tea.

What is trifle?

An English dessert sometimes called Tipsy Cake, Tipsy Squire, Tipsy Parson and even Gypsy Cake. It is customarily made with layers of spongecake, saturated with sherry, rum or brandy, then spread with strawberry or raspberry jam. A rich custard is poured over the cake while still hot. It is then chilled. Before serving, whipped cream is piled on top, split almonds scattered thickly over the cream. A final garnish of angelica or other candied fruits finishes it off. It is our personal opinion that it is better when made with pound cake rather than spongecake and it is our conviction that it was conceived originally to use up a piece of stale cake.

What's an upside-down cake?

As American as the flag, it's also known as a skillet cake. Fruit, usually canned pineapple or apricots, with butter, brown sugar and pecans go in the bottom of the skillet, which is covered with a batter. It is then baked, turned upside down and served hot or cold with whipped cream or dessert sauce. ■

How to stop them

—after they've photographed Paris

By LEONARD S. BERNSTEIN □ Let's be honest—is there anything worse than spending an evening at a friend's home looking at slides of his trip to Europe last summer?

I say there's nothing worse. Those of you who disagree can have my current, up-to-date list of friends who have just returned. They will be glad to hear from you and to show you their photos. You think you're imposing? Not at all. People who take snapshots delight in showing them to *anyone*. Garbage men have been interrupted from their route. Delivery boys have been corralled. Plumbers and electricians are particularly vulnerable. People with photos of their trip are absolute maniacs about showing them.

But I'm not a maniac about seeing them, and my body seems to contract all sorts of illnesses as soon as friends come home from Europe. My wife doesn't seem to feel that scarlet fever is sufficient reason for declining an invitation and so I rise from death's bed to spend a few unbearable hours looking at galleries and cathedrals. Doesn't anyone photograph anything else?

Usually, there are four or five couples called together on a Saturday evening for this ritual. I always hope that nobody will ask to see the photos, but that has never happened. Somehow the photos have some strange sense of inevitability about them. From the moment I walk in the door, I know it's only a matter of minutes until the familiar question is raised.

"Mona, we're all dying to see your photographs of London. Will we get a chance to look at them tonight?"

"Oh, really, they're nothing (a word of truth!). I don't think you'd be interested. Just Ronnie and me visiting a few spots."

There should be silence at this point. After all, someone has asked and has been told "no." That should be the end of it, right? Wrong. Some other guest will always tally a few points on the social scorecard, and say, "We'd love to." (Maybe she would.)

"Well, then," says the hostess, "perhaps just a few. Ronnie, why don't you bring up the carton from the basement. Take Arthur with you to help."

And thus begins the dialogue:

"Here's a shot of Ronnie waving at me from the steps of the House of Commons."

Yep, that's Ronnie all right, and that's what he's doing—waving. Terrific.

Thereafter unfolds a series of photos of Ronnie waving in front of 87 buildings. It takes three hours. I can't stand it.

Once I thought I had a solution. It occurred to me that most people must feel the same way I do and that the only thing missing was a little candor. The hostess might really care about whether her guests really wanted to see France's 1,216 cathedrals. The dialogue went something like this.

"Mona, we're absolutely breathless to see your photos of your trip to France."

"Oh, come on. They're so dull. Nobody really wants . . ."

"Yes, Mona, we all do."

"Well, I'm only going to show them if everybody wants to see them, and I want everybody to be absolutely honest."

At this point, some guy (not me) says, "Well, to tell the truth . . ."

But Mona is too quick for him, "All right then, if you all absolutely insist."

Sensing my moment, I chip in with, "I think John sort of suggested that he would rather not and actually, I would rather not—that is, since you're asking us all to be honest."

"Well why don't *you* read a magazine then while everyone else looks at the slides? And why don't you let John speak for himself!"

"Oh, I'd love to see them," says John, whose wife is jabbing her nail file into his back. And I hate to tell you about the look my wife is flashing from across the room.

So, if you ever thought that honesty is the best policy, forget it. It usually turns out to be the worst policy.

After that evening, I thought a lot about the problem. There had to be some way to solve it. Robert Benchley once wrote about a way to deal with people who *talk* endlessly about their trips. He always asked if they had visited a particular town along the route. They hadn't. Of course not—there was no such town. Having untracked the dialogue, Benchley went on to say that he couldn't believe that they missed this town and that it was the high point of his trip. In about five minutes he put the whole thing to bed.

That's what Benchley did. No wonder that everyone said the man was a genius. (*Continued*)

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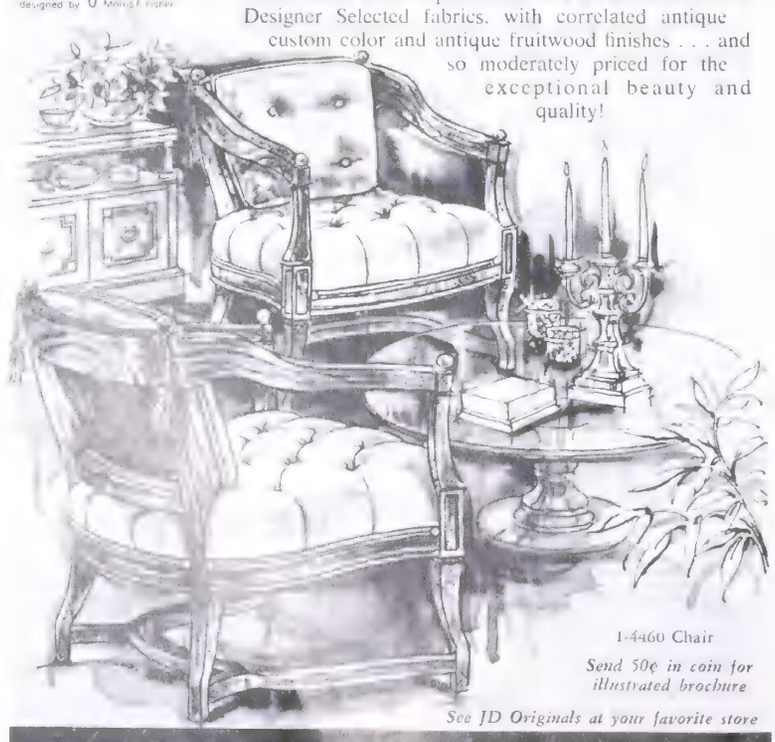
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Only one thing. You have to be *extremely* interested. You must be beside yourself with delight; feverish with curiosity.

So the next time we were at Mona's (maybe Gloria's) I was really interested.

"Here's Ronnie waving at us from in front of Charles Dickens' house outside of London . . ."

"Charles Dickens' house? Really? That's *very* interesting. It's still standing? I think that's awfully interesting. How many rooms are there in the house?"

"I'm not sure about the number of rooms . . ."

"When did he live there?"

"I think it was in his early years."

"Before or after he wrote *David Copperfield*?"

"I'm not sure . . ."

"Let's look it up. Where's the encyclopedia?"

Mona is getting a little anxious. "Maybe we ought to go on to the second slide . . ."

"No, no—we can't. Not until we at least find out when he lived there. Maybe he wrote *Nicholas Nickleby* there or something. That's one hell of a slide!"

At this point you run for the encyclopedia and immediately start reading about the life of Charles Dickens. It's best if they have the Encyclopaedia Britannica. After five minutes of the Britannica, any slide program is in serious jeopardy.

"Leonard, we all appreciate your interest in the slide, but we must get on. Here's our second slide of Ronnie standing in front of the house of William Shakespeare."

"William Shakespeare! Stratford-on-Avon? This is exciting! What's the address?"

"Address? There's no address. They didn't have addresses in those days."

"You're right. That's a good point. Who did Shakespeare live there with?"

"I don't know. His sister, maybe." (Mona's voice is getting a little edgy.)

"I don't think Shakespeare had a sister. Let's look it up."

"Leonard, I don't think anyone really *cares* who Shakespeare lived there with."

"I care," pipes up John. Remember John? The coward? (I love him.)

By this time you have the Britannica and are enthusiastically reading about Shakespeare and the dark lady of the sonnets, and you are hardly able to control yourself.

"I think he lived there with the dark lady!" you shout.

"The dark lady?" chimes in John. "Hey, that guy Shakespeare was all right. What else does it say about him, Len?"

So you read another five minutes from the Encyclopaedia Britannica and we're still staring at slide number two.

At this point everyone is getting fidgety. The encyclopedia is giving them a big pain. Shakespeare is giving them a big pain. And the whole slide operation isn't faring any better. The hostess spots this and puts about 300 slides back in the carton. I guess she figures that if we're going to have a 20-minute discussion about each slide, she can only squeeze in about three slides an hour.

"Only eight more slides," she says gaily, and flashes on number three.

"Here's me standing in front of Samuel Johnson's house in London."

Nobody said anything.

"This is one of London's most interesting sights," she says.

"Very interesting," I say.

"Very interesting," John says.

Mona doesn't know what to do. She's committed to only eight slides and she can see her whole vacation flashing before her eyes in only 20 minutes. She really can't move on to slide number four. But the room is silent and a few people are clearing their throats. One of them is me—you have to clear your throat a lot with scarlet fever everyone knows that.

Finally Mona turns to slide number four. It's Ronnie again, standing in front of something. Nobody even asks what.

Mona springs forward into action, but her rhythm has been broken and she can't seem to get it on track again. She says a few things and we move right along to slide number eight.

"A very interesting group of slides," I say, standing up and stretching.

And the program is over.

There are a few courteous remarks about how lovely their trip must have been and how they captured the essence of London in the slides and then the conversation turns to the urgent matters of the day, like Off-Track Betting.

A few bourbons on-the-rocks quickly bury that uneasy feeling that everyone has about the slides and everyone is soon having a great time. Even the hostess senses the spirit in the room and doesn't feel too bad about the photos.

And that is the way to sabotage a Three-hour Slide Program. At least, that was the way. Having been told, it may not be effective any longer.

Australia

—going offbeat in the Outback

By MARION GOUGH □ In Australia the wattle should be out. If that word falls strangely on the ear, know that wattle is the homely name Australia gives the lovely acacia, acclaimed as the national flower because its twigs and branches furnished the wattles for the hand-built wattle-and-daub houses of early settlers. Anyway, it's spring down under. I look now at my strange, secretive opal—a semi-black that hides its kaleidoscopic glows of color under a pale blue, noncommittal surface so that only I, close to it, can really peer into its fiery heart—and I am reminded of last spring in Australia.

I was in Sydney for the American Society of Travel Agents' annual congress, when the whole international world of travel interests convenes for a week of meetings, speeches, exhibitions, parties and the host country goes overboard to show how well it can do its touristic thing. Hearty, hospitable Australia does very well. Australians are great, regular, good-humored people to be with, and Sydney is a delightful city almost surrounded by a sparkling harbor, towered with architectural innovation, green with parks, splashed everywhere with fountains, yet still full enough of past-century bluestone and lacy ironwork and galleried sidewalks to have a cozy Victorian air. (Once when I mentioned to a cab driver how much I liked the city's lacy ironwork, he said, "I'm sure you do. I think you have most of it in your suitcase.")

But Sydney, an Australian friend pointed out, is a mere 1,050 square miles of Australia's three million, 34% of which are pure desert. Conventionally, travelers concentrate on the east coast high spots—the island of Tasmania, Melbourne, the planned capital of Canberra, the oceanside Gold Coast resort land, Brisbane and the fabulous Great Barrier Reef, all places I'd been to. But why not do something different in a week's time—find out what it's like to live on a sheep station, see what goes on in an inland town, go down into an opal mine? Could I? Easily! Especially since transportation and accommodations are opening up in offbeat places, and God knows Australia has plenty of them to make anyone marvel at the rough, demanding land, its curious barren beauty and the guts of the people who have made so very much of the land.

I flew first via Ansett, one of Australia's domestic airlines, to Melbourne, then drove 100 miles (a nothing distance in Australia) to Naringal, the William Rowe family's 6,000-acre estate (browsing land for 22,000 merino sheep) to spend a weekend deluxe in the heart of this affable, hospitable family, in a surround of Rockingham, Coalport, Meissen and Crown Derby, given a rose-laden breakfast tray in a room cozied by a wood-burning fire.

We always dressed for dinner and dined *en famille* on beautiful lamb, garden vegetables and Australia's excellent wines, the cuisine the production of Mrs. Rowe, who has been a connoisseur of recipes since her finishing-school days. Outside, manicured gardens flourished around the swimming pool. Hardly the rough-and-tumble life you might expect of a sheep ranch. Why are the Rowes opening their home to strangers this way, giving their talents for hospitality to paying guests? The answer is that the market for wool has declined and to share their interesting life with visitors supplements income. It surely offers travelers a rare opportunity to get behind the Australian at-home scene.

The estate was begun in 1841, early in the country's history of settlement, by Rowe's great-grandfather, and one of Naringal's most revealing sights is the "slab hut," furnished as it was in the tough old days, everything proclaiming the hard work involved in survival. Most touching of all—a little garden of lime trees and wallflowers, reminiscent of home in England, and the lineup of silver-capped bottles in the carrying case Mrs. Rowe had brought to the wilderness with her. There's a medical encyclopedia, well-worn, because the nearest doctor was three days' journey away. There's a family cemetery. The first Australian Rowes were taught by their parents. As things prospered, governesses were imported and children were sent off to boarding school, as many country children still are in this land of great distances, although TV and busing have made schooling available to everyone.

There's lots to do in Naringal—watch Robinson, the shearer, clipping sheep, excursion to Ballarat (*Continued*)

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and Sovereign Hill, the recreation of the gold-rush town that was there in the 1860s (you can even pan for gold, sifting through the gold-colored earth), visit the joss-house—reminder that the Chinese played a role here as in California—lunch at the New York Bakery on miner's broth and thick slabs of ham. For more about Naringal, write William T. Rowe, Naringal, Wallinduc, 3351, Victoria.

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Back to Melbourne with an overnight at the Old Melbourne Hotel which is really new but an interesting sidelight on the way this new country of Australia is already beginning to examine its roots. Entering the place is like going back to Melbourne as it might have looked in the 1880s. The court is like a city street, cobbled, lined with great façades, gaslights, carriages, most of the stone, ironwork and decorative metal actually salvaged from old Melbourne buildings. Rooms are brass-bedded and, like all of the new Australian hotel rooms, are comfortingly equipped with do-it-yourself coffee and tea makings.

Then by plane to Sydney to catch an Ansett flight to The Bush, as they call the vast plains of northern New South Wales. Going somewhere different! Look at these stops on a route map—Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Walgett, overflying the Warrumbungle Mountains, overflying, too, a vast barrenness of beigey, ecru, taffy-colored soil, green only where a pattern of thirsty trees snakes along the banks of a rare river. The sense of isolation is shocking. Yet, 400 miles after Sydney, when we arrived at Walgett, a county or shire seat, pop. 2,700, I found a surprisingly busy, prosperous, genial place, with its own racetrack, tennis club, ultramodern official buildings and a community center that caters particularly to the local aboriginals, who take an important place in the town's affairs. Here I bought an oil by Philip Hall, a young aboriginal who has captured some of his people's mysticism in a portrayal of a Corroboree, an evening tribal sing when hunters tell the events of the day.

I had my lodging in the air-conditioned Coolabah Motel on Wee Waa Street where the friendly young managers, Marie and Jay Davies, run the show, cook and greet the guests like old friends. I was dined at the Imperial Hotel—on steak and Champagne—then we joined the other townsfolk for a few go-rounds at the one-armed bandits in the Returned Soldiers League Clubhouse, which seems the social center in all Australian cities. Slot machines are a way of life in Australia, the proceeds going to civic causes. When I retired, a few dollars heavier, I had truly come to feel like part of the group.

One of this friendly, easy-going and down-to-earth ilk is bush-pilot Bill Benbow, who carried me in his trembling little Cessna from Walgett to Narran Lake—a historic event from my point of view. The lake, plopped in the middle of sandy nowhere, is five feet deep, waving with marsh grass. In times of drought, it is bone-dry. From the air in late afternoon it seemed to be banded by a stripe of rainbow—earth colors glowing red, yellow-green, rose. Closer-to comes the surprise. The lake shore is home to scampering herds of wild pig.

Black swans live here and looking down, you can even see the eggs in their nests. Pelicans are here and all sorts of water birds. Emus, those huge, long-legged "scrawny old lady" birds, hustle along at the sound of the plane, their young ones wobbling after. At dawn and sunset there are rabbits and foxes and slick-as-lightning kangaroos, and the clouds of gray and rosy pink that puff up in the air are galah birds. Meantime, herds of sheep and cattle graze on the shore.

The Cessna darted up and after a bit came down on a scrubby clearing in a pine and eucalyptus grove. A tanned, tough-muscled young man jumped down from a Toyota bush wagon to greet me—Ray Newton, who single-handedly runs a 5,000-acre (small) sheep property, and with his wife, Pam, takes in paying guests, guides them through the bush trails where the kangaroos, the utos and the wallabies jump free through the spear grass.

He knows the places where the bowerbird builds his grassy courting bower, surrounding it with glittery things—bits of glass, pieces of metal. Ray will stage a picnic amid the mulga and the box trees, boil the billy (tea made in a can over a fire of twigs), tell you the lore of the bush, about the bird called "happy family" or, in hunter's parlance, "lousy Jack" because he sounds the alarm to the bush fauna when the hunters are near. Ray, a crusading conservationist, decries the hunting of the kangaroo, has staked out his own land as a sanctuary. Accommodations are down-to-earth and beautifully comfortable after a dusty day—two two-room caravans with hot water bath and lavatory and kitchen-equipped for those who want to live in the bush for a while.

All is neat and clean, camp-out style in piney air. Other guests joined us for a barbecue supper and an evening of rejoicing because two of the company were fossickers, spending their vacations opal-mining, and had hit a good strike that day at Grawin, which, like the famous black opal mines of Lightning Ridge, is not far away.

I went to Grawin to see for myself, escorted by Ray, who knows as much about opals as he does about sheep-growing and the bush. It's a rough, white-dusty, sun-baked place, haphazardly built with prospectors' shacks and improvised lean-tos, vibrating to the racket of drills and pumps. For many, opal-mining is a recreation that gets under the skin.

But some vacationers go merely to noodle—to pick over the heaps of discarded earth in hopes of finding a treasure. For real mining, holes are drilled in the ground 20 or 30 feet deep, a ladder goes in, then down the miner goes with lamp and pick or electric drill to tunnel his way through the hard earth till he hits—or doesn't ever hit—the piece of potch that contains the fiery gem. Not for the claustrophobic or weak-kneed, as I discovered swinging down a ladder into a pit that tunneled out into darkness. Still, it would be a sporting vacation and maybe a lucrative one. You get information on fossicking from the New South Wales Government Travel Centre, 8 Martin Place, Sydney.

For details about putting up with the Newtons, write Mrs. Ray Newton, Pineopal Lodge Sheep Station Resort, Walgett, New South Wales, 2385.

By nature, I am a noodler, but having no success in scrounging a black opal off a slag heap, I rode into Lightning Ridge and bought my precious souvenir of the bush from an opal expert, E. Bouchier, 9 Morella St. in Melbourne. For information on Australia, write: Australian Tourist Commission at 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10020. ■

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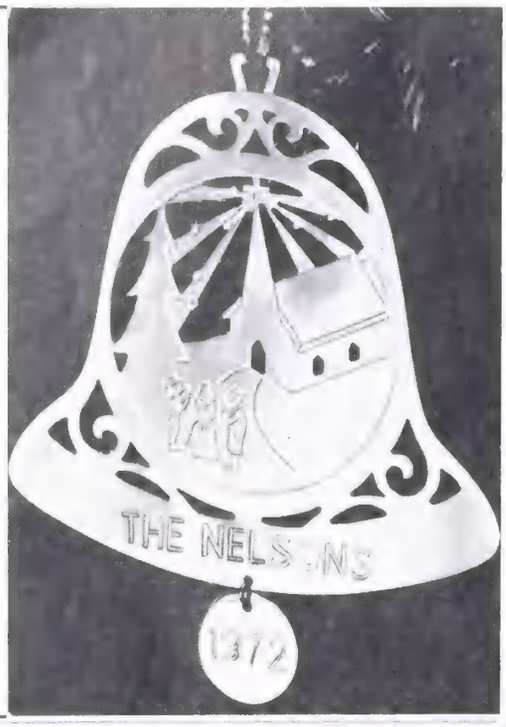
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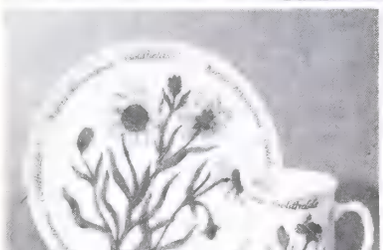
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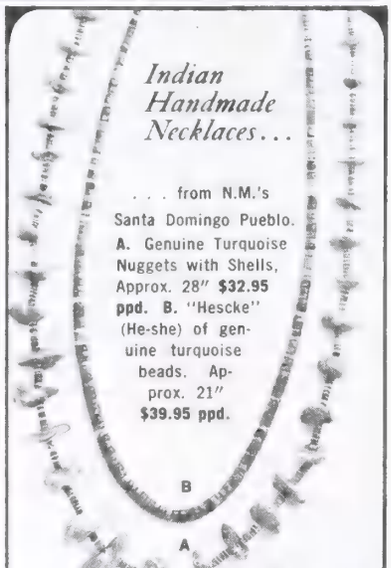
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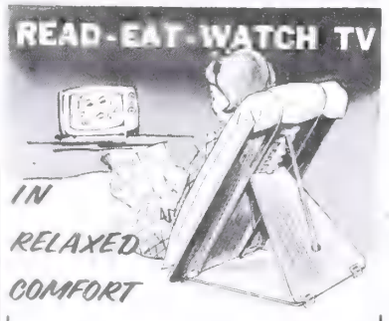


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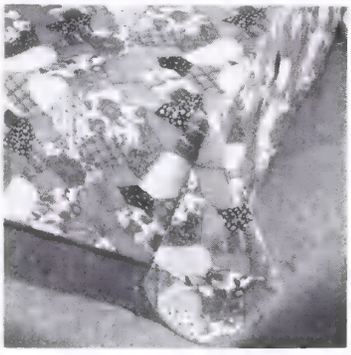
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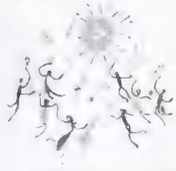
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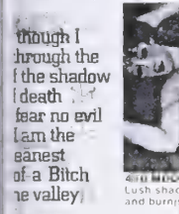
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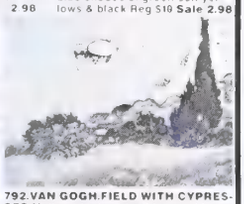


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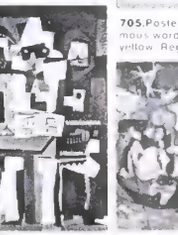
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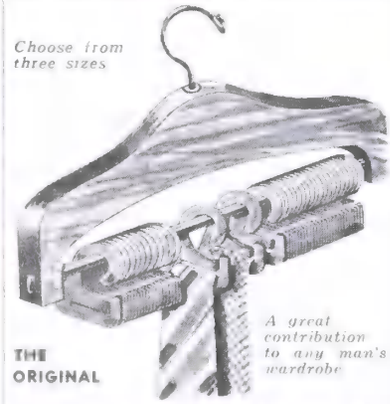


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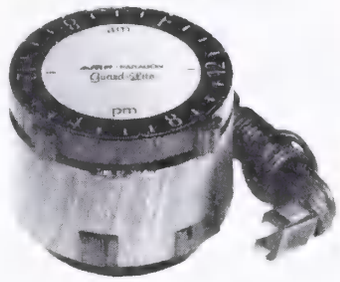
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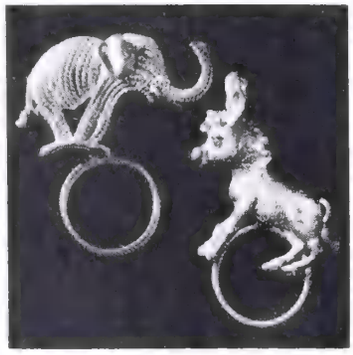
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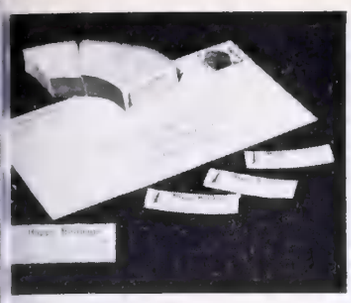
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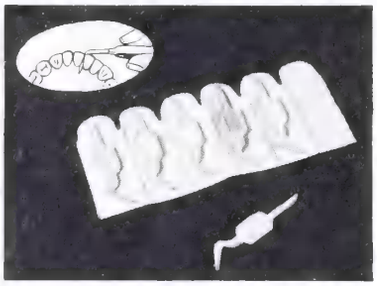




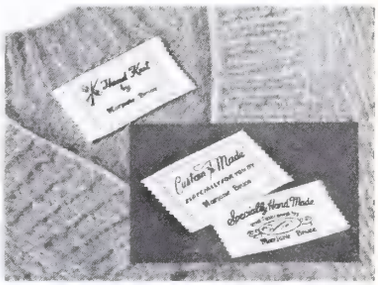
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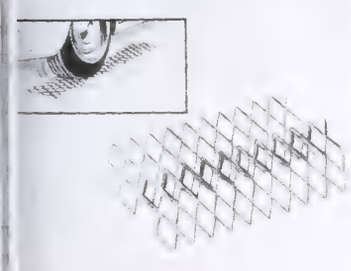
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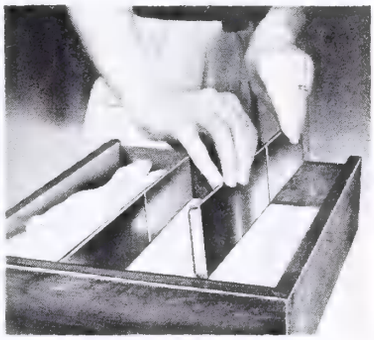
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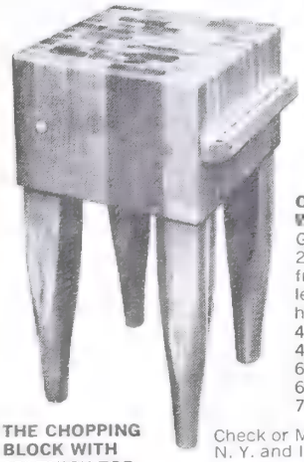
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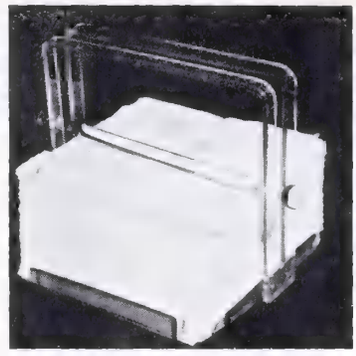


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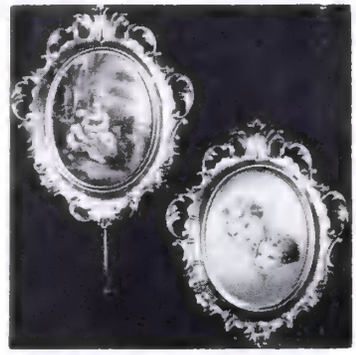
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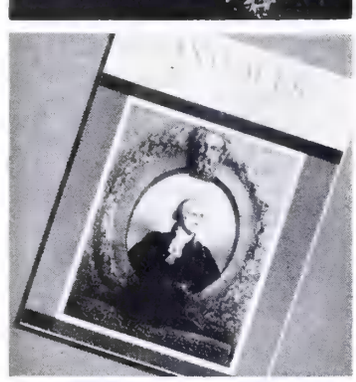
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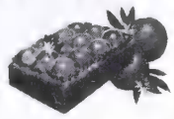
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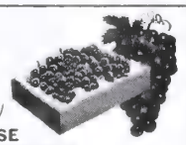
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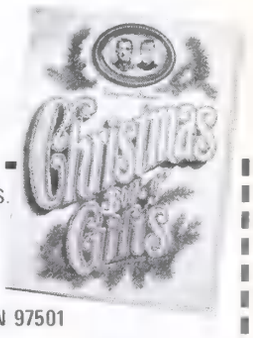
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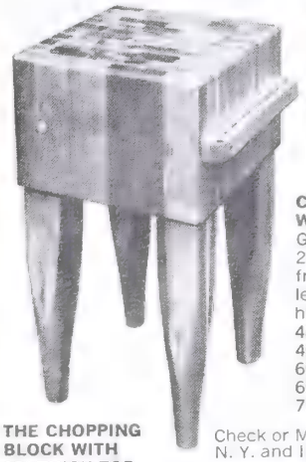
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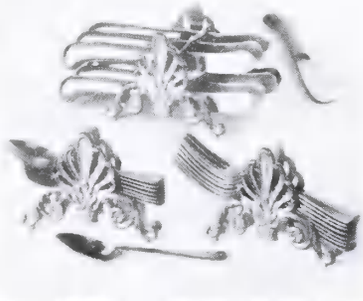
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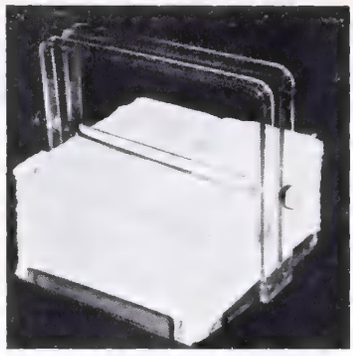
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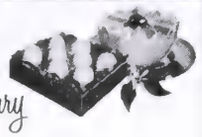
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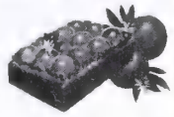
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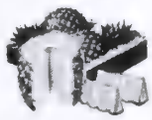
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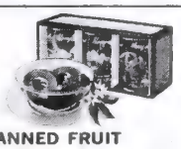
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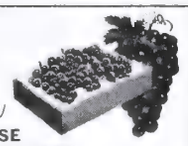
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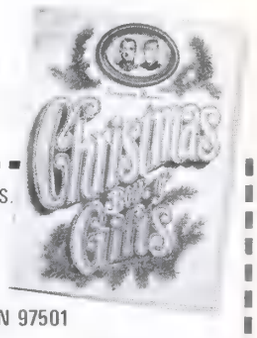
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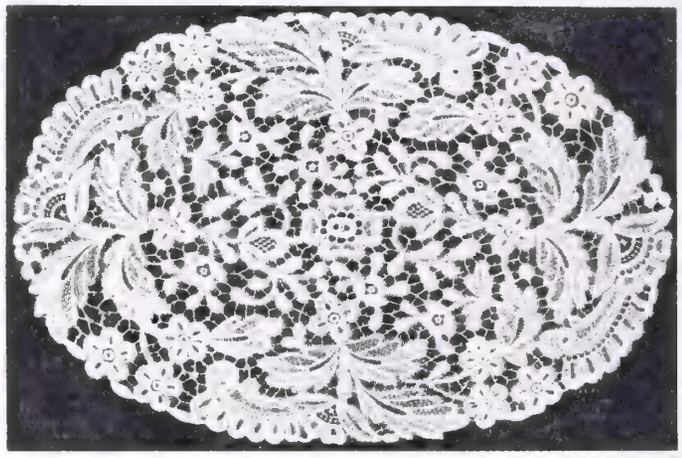
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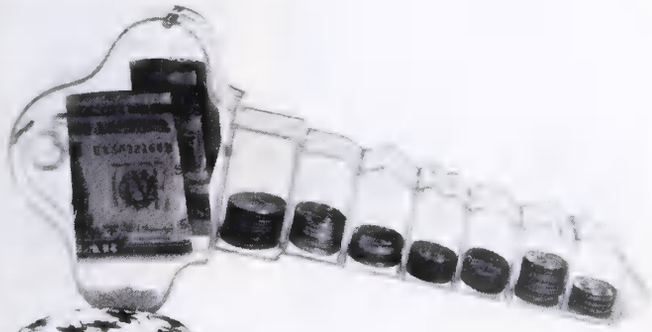
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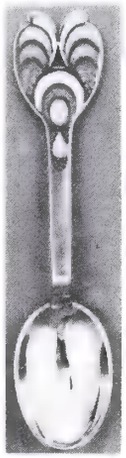
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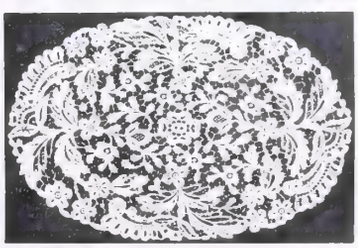
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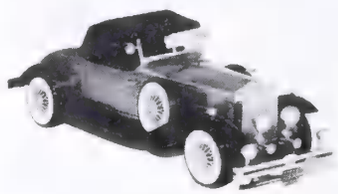


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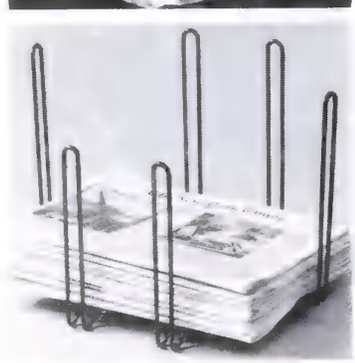
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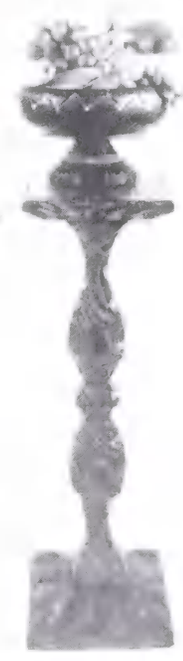
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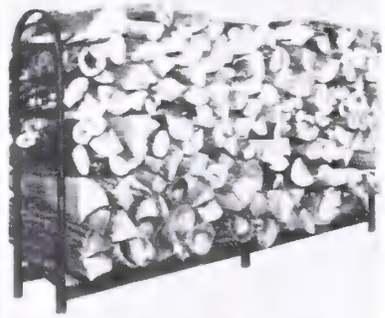
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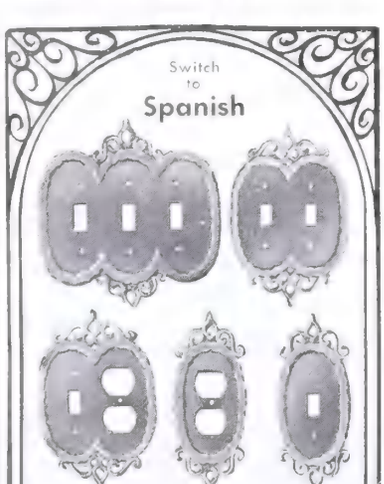
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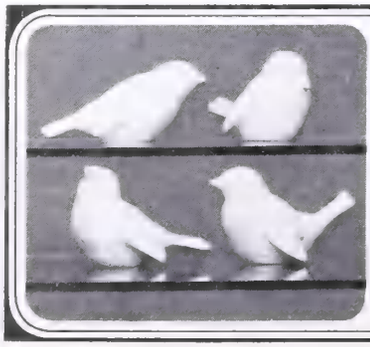
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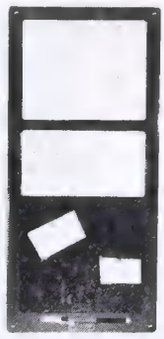
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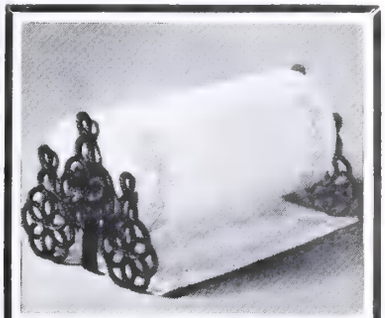
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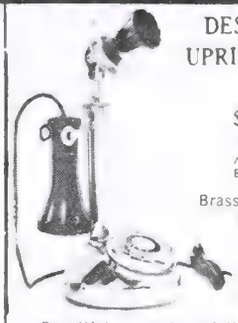
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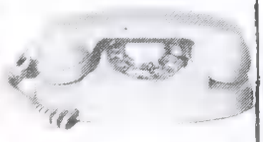
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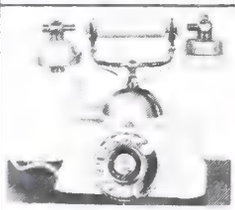
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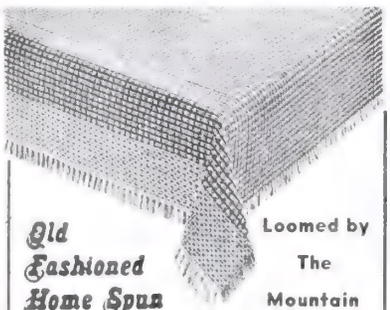
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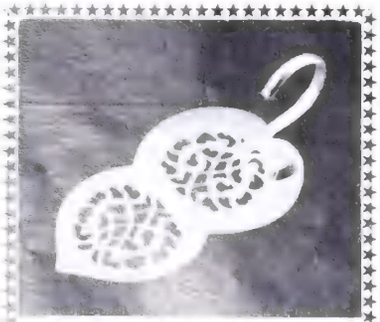
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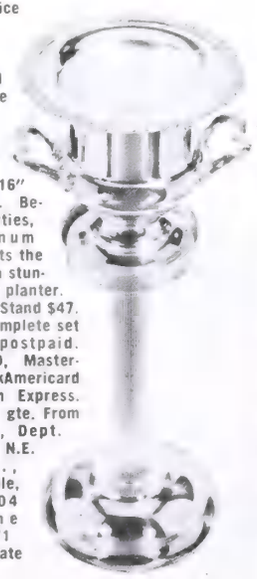
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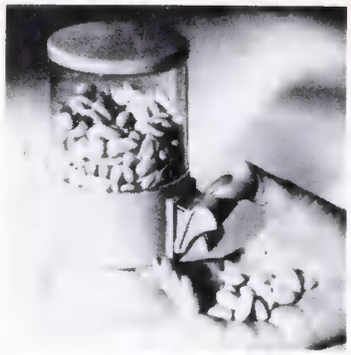
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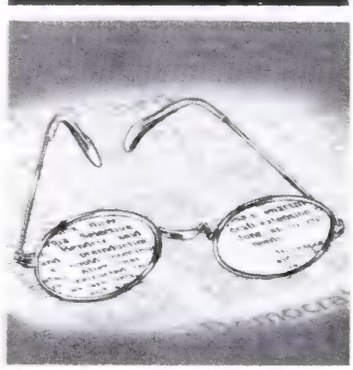




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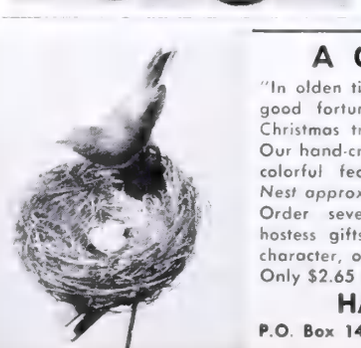
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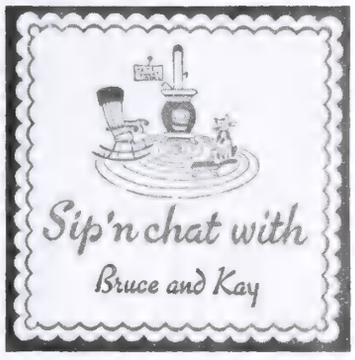
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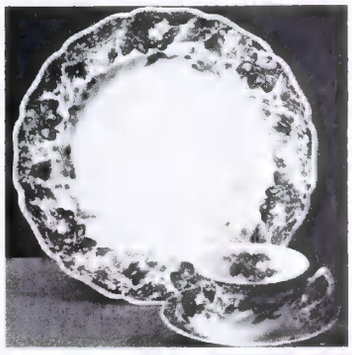
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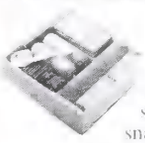
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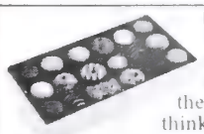
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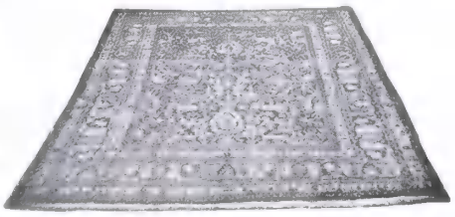
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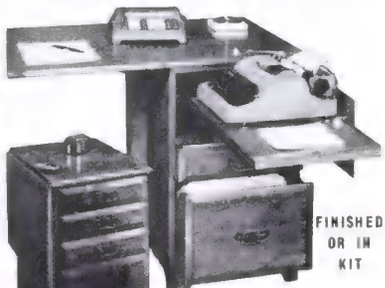
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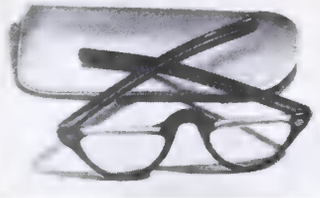


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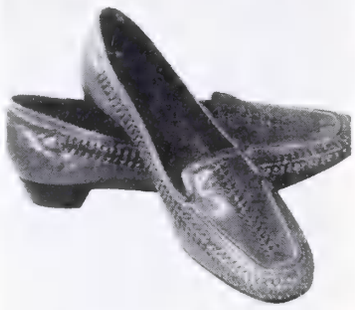
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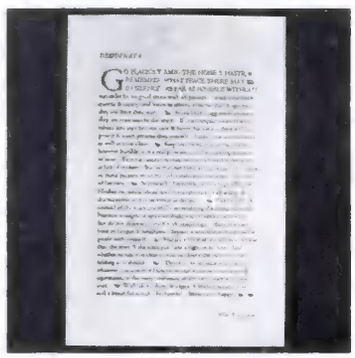
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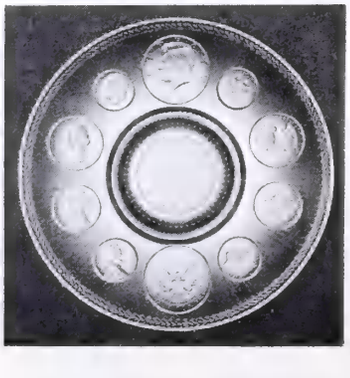
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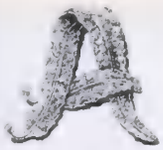
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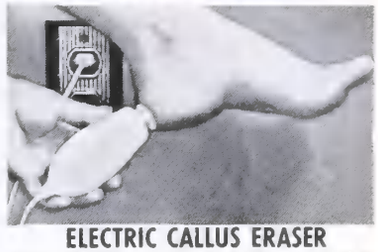
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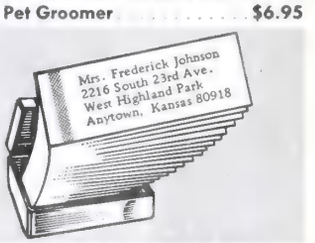


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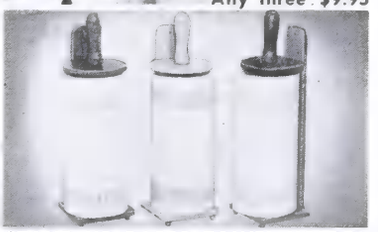
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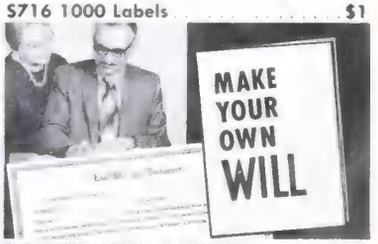
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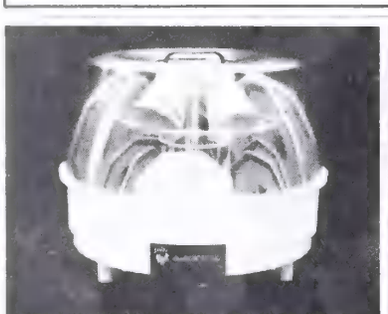
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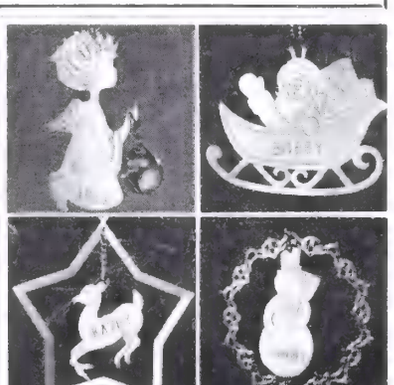


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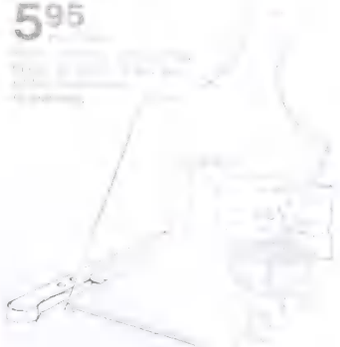
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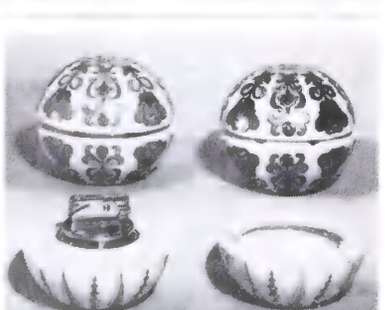
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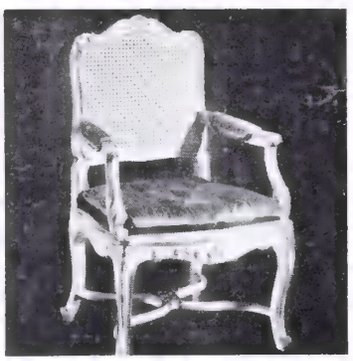
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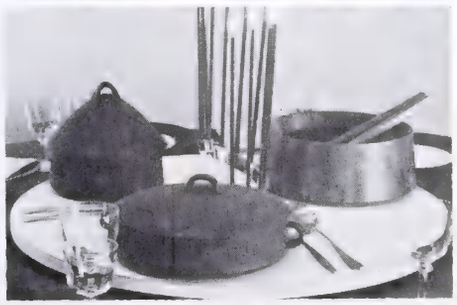
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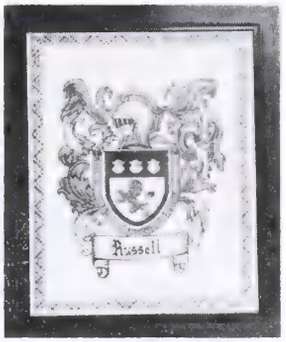
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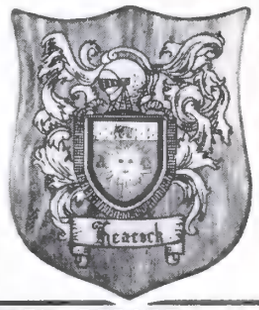
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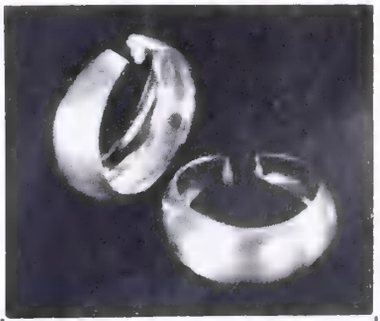
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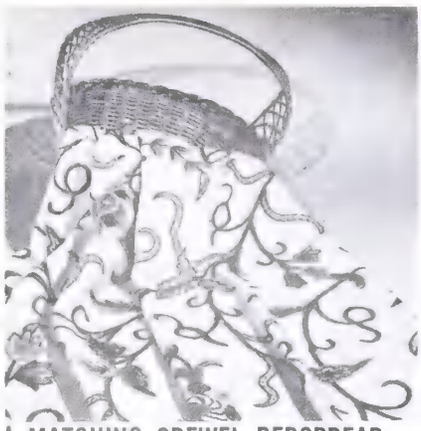
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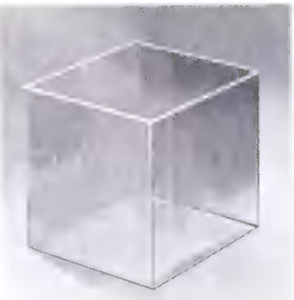
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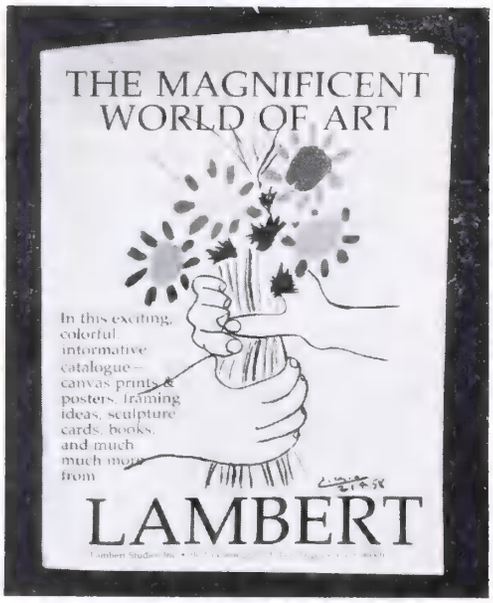
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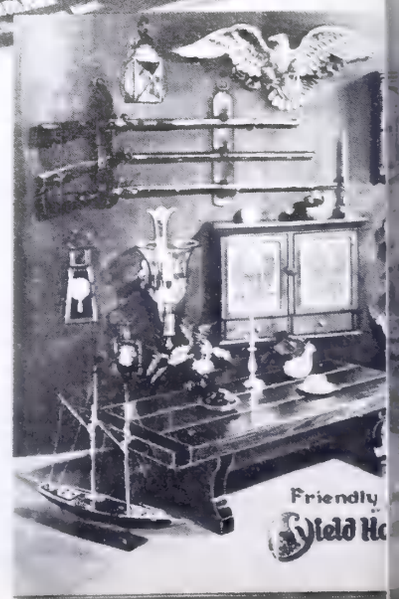
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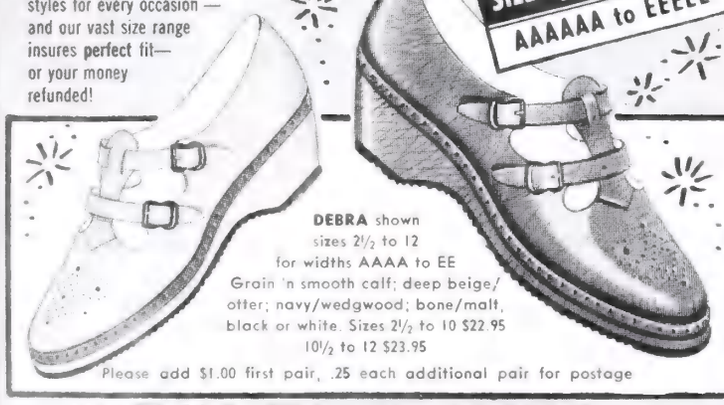
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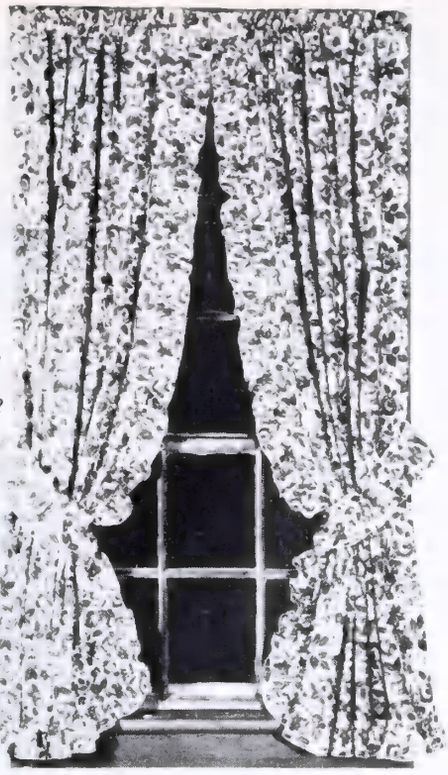
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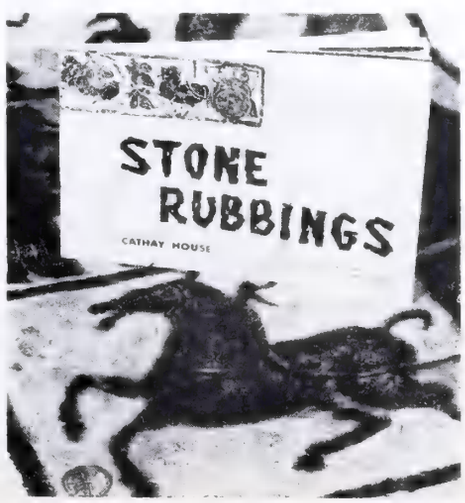
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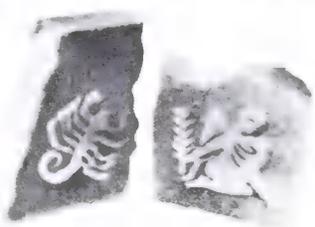
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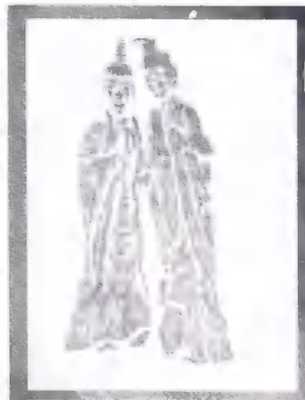
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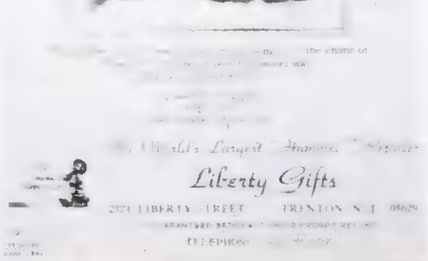
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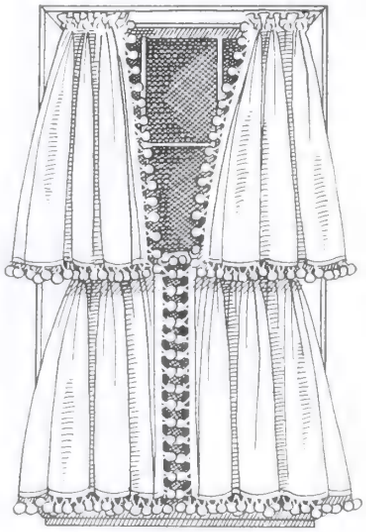
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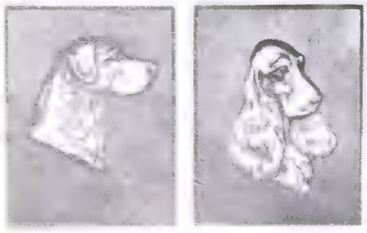
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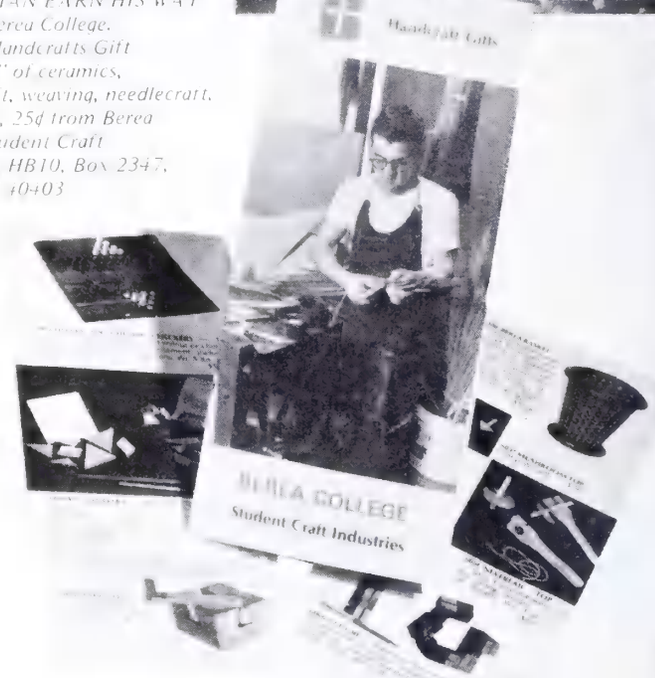
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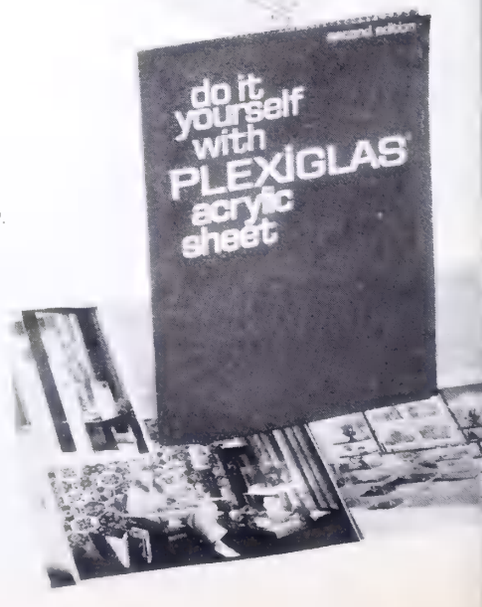


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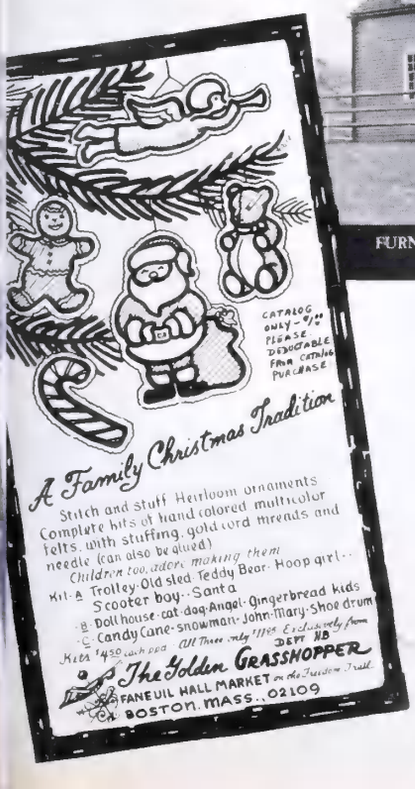


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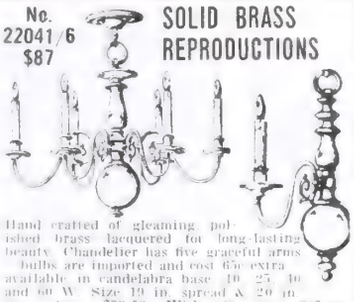


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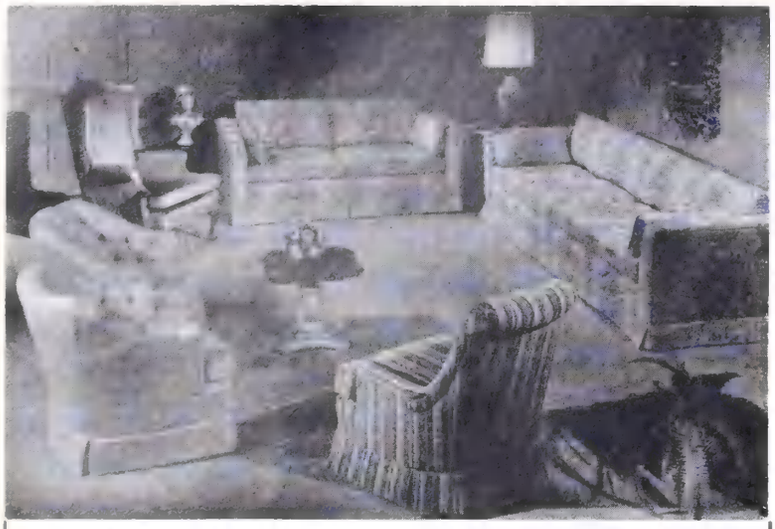
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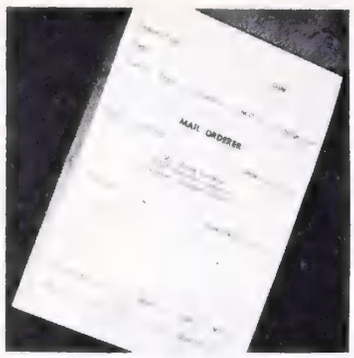
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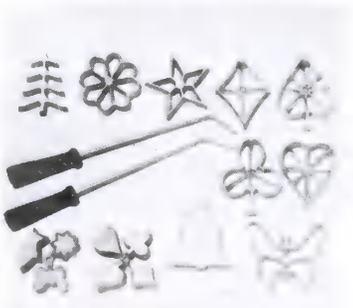
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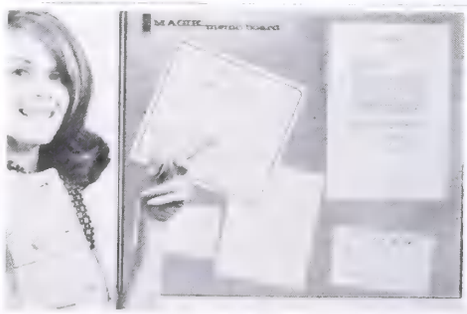
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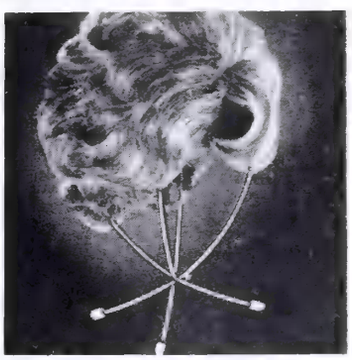
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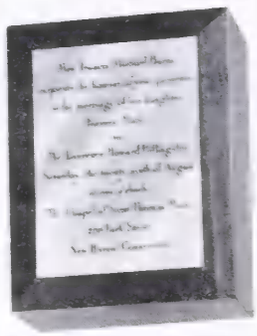


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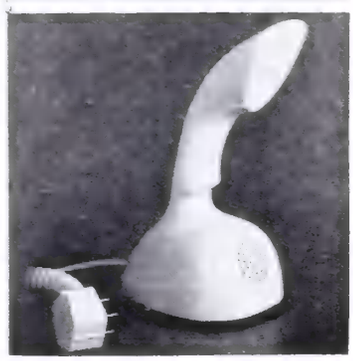
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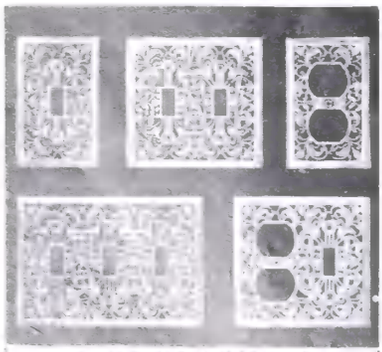
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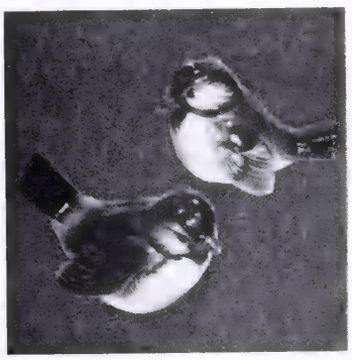
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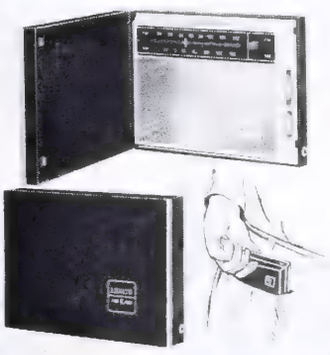
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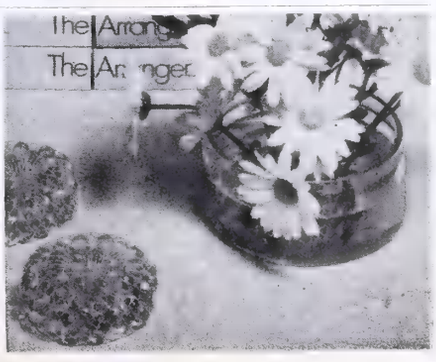
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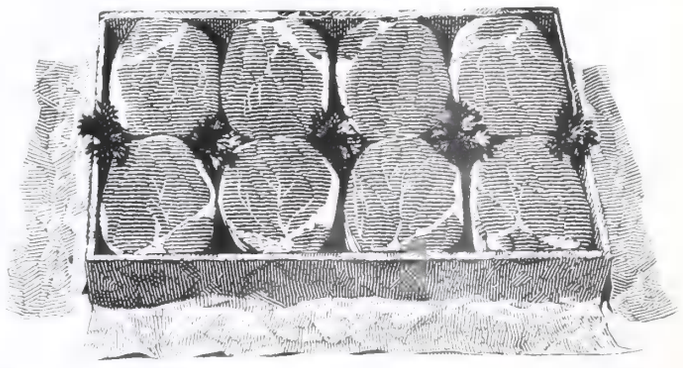
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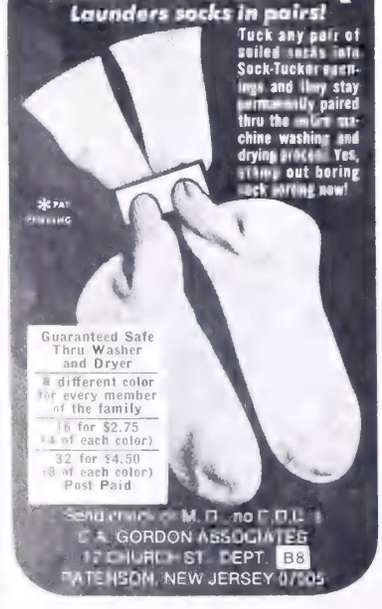
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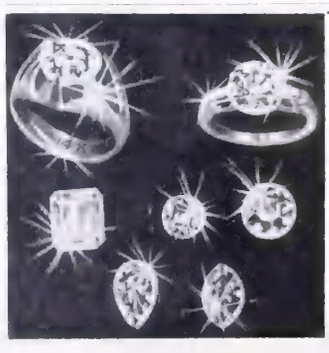
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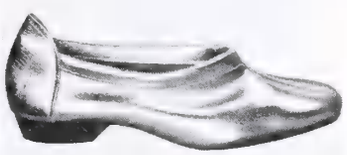
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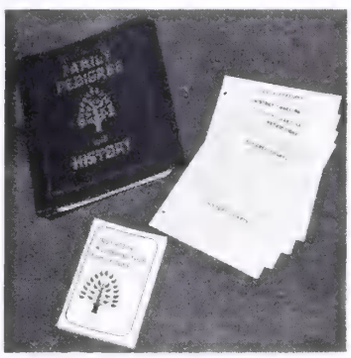
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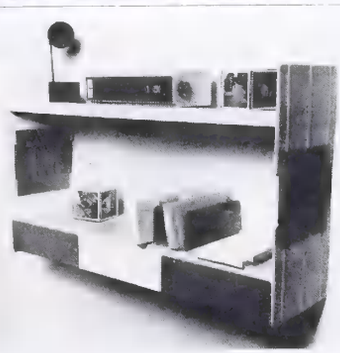


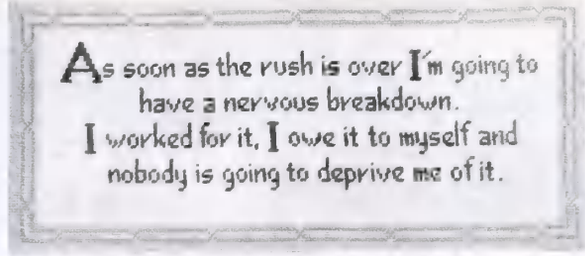
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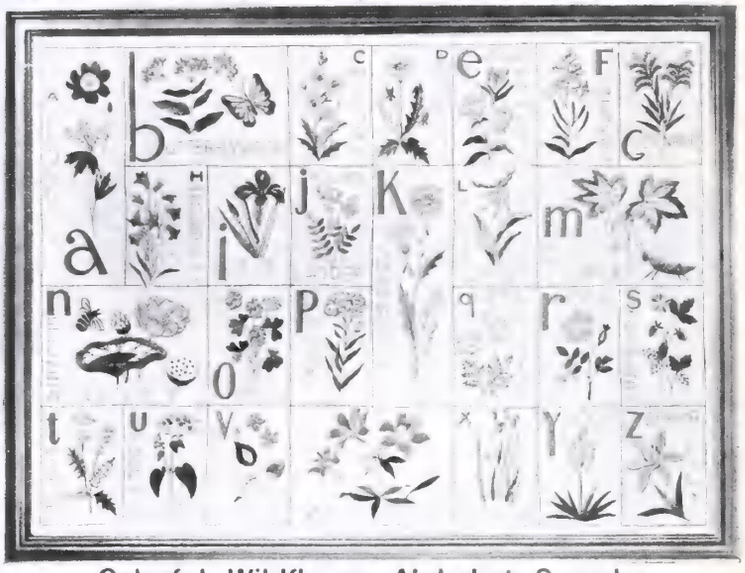
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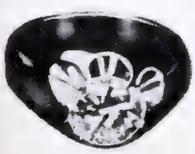
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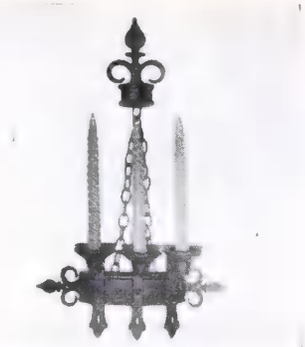


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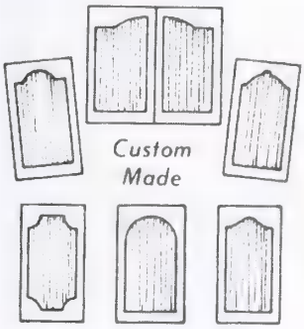
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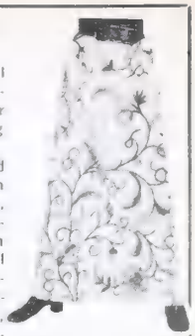
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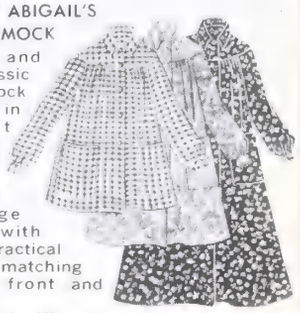
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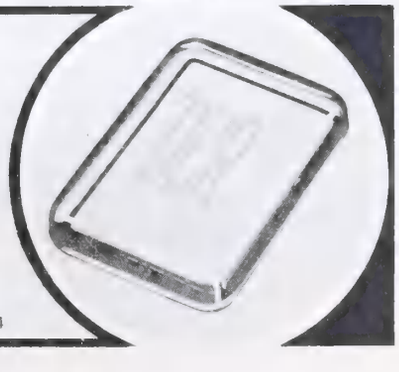
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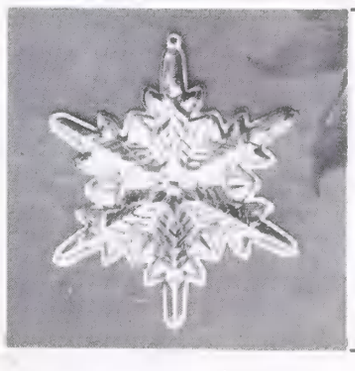
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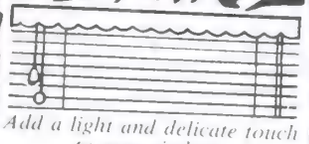
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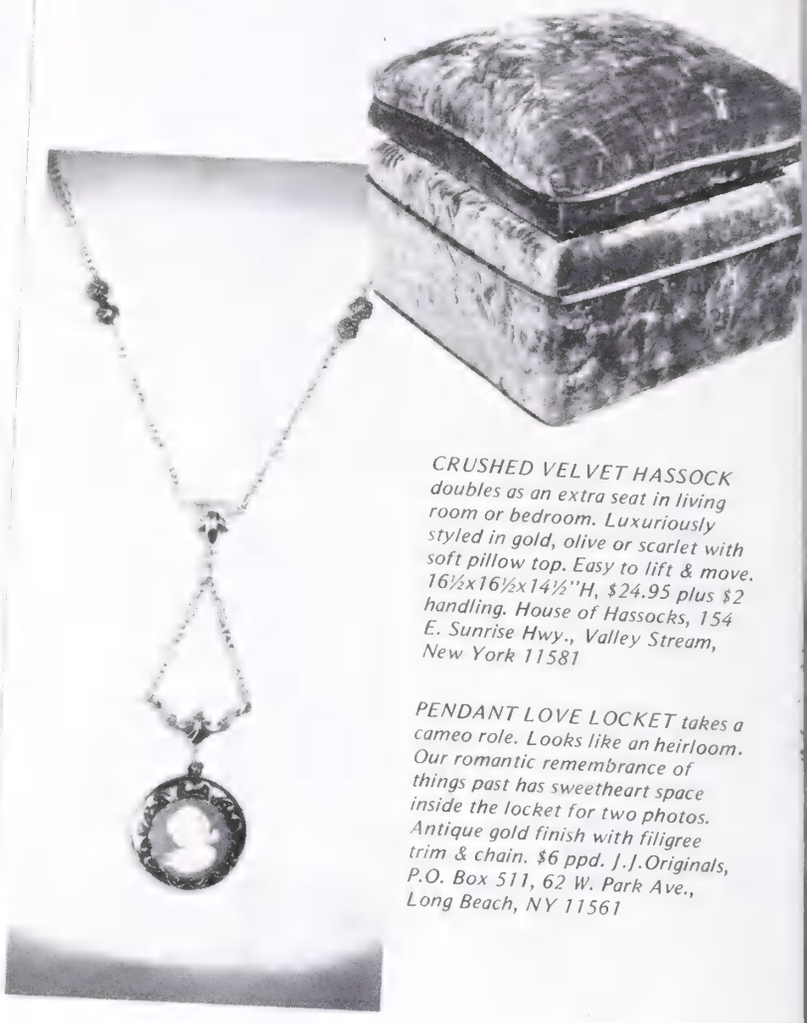


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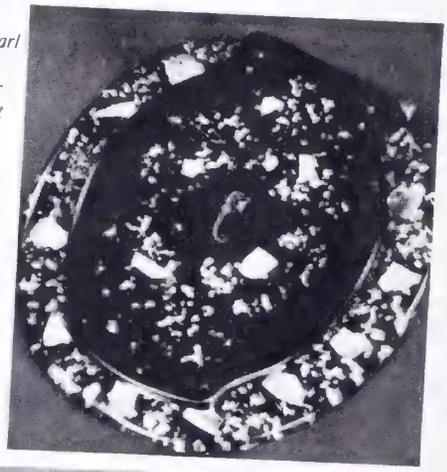
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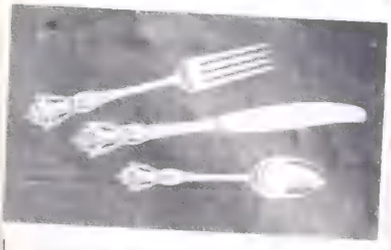
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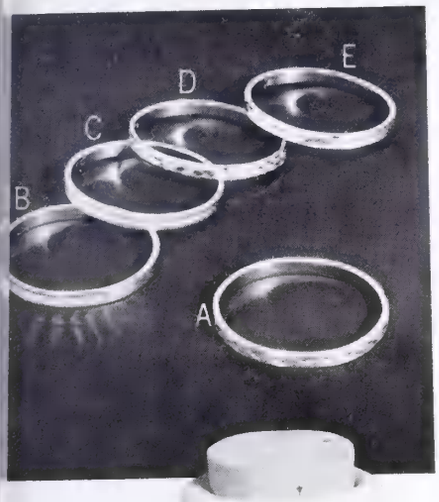
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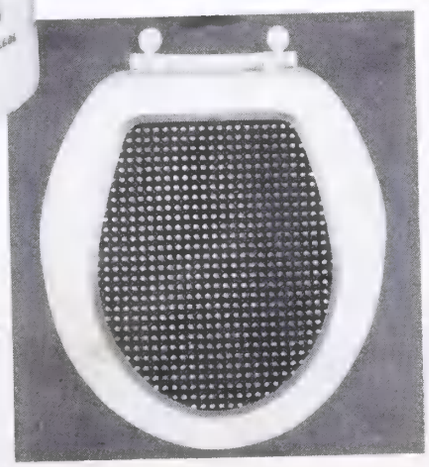
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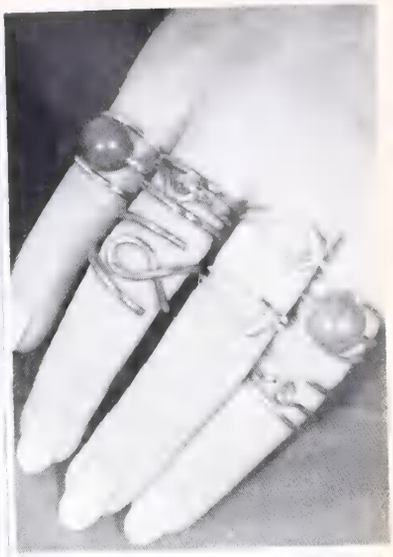
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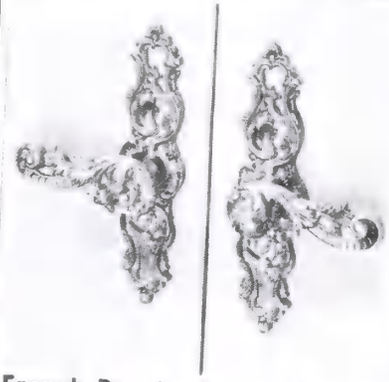
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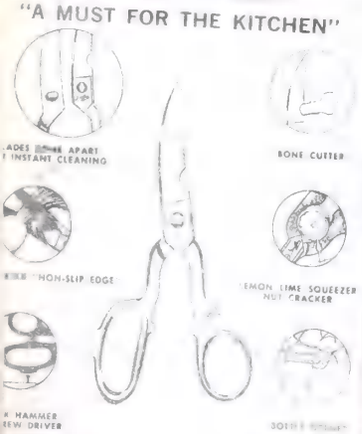
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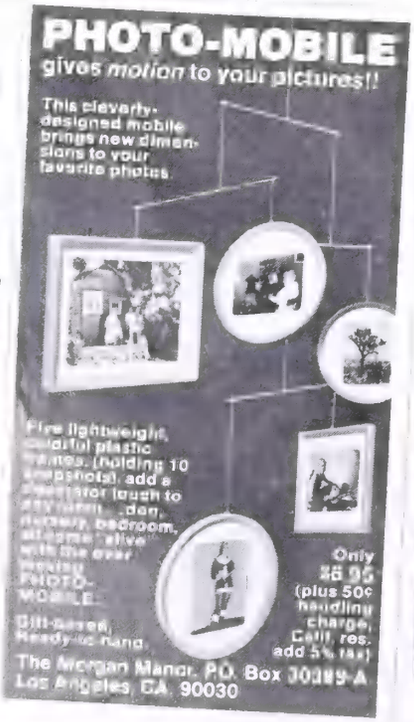
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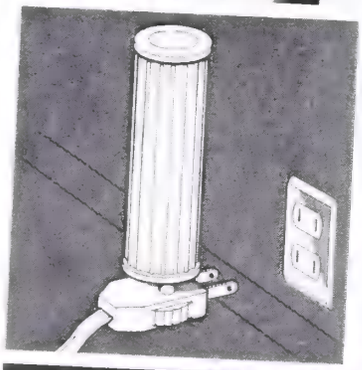
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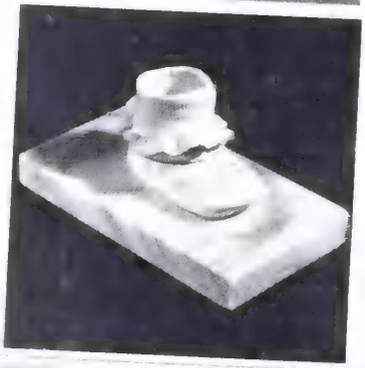
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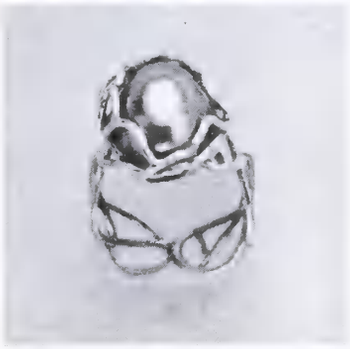
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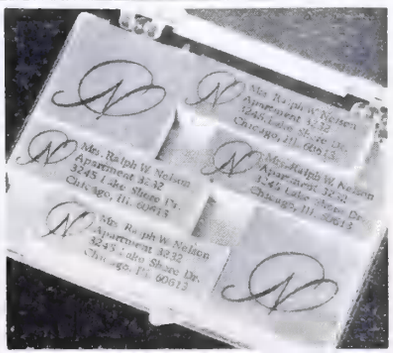
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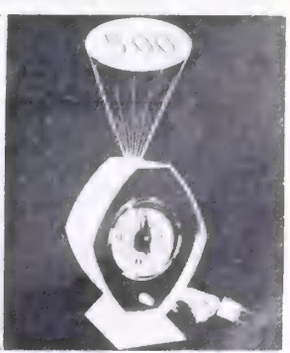
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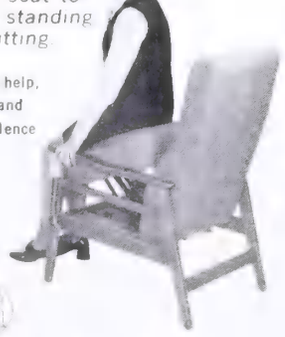
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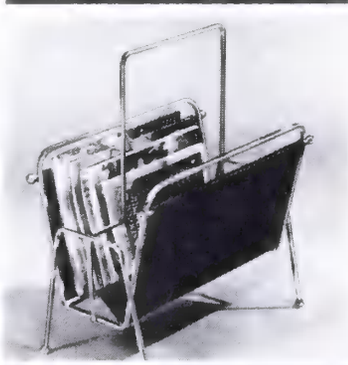
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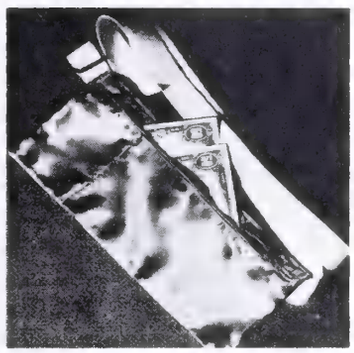
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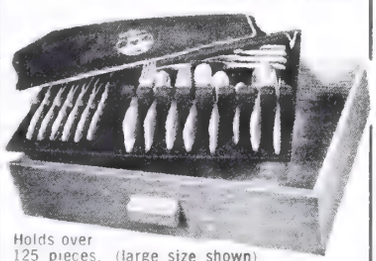
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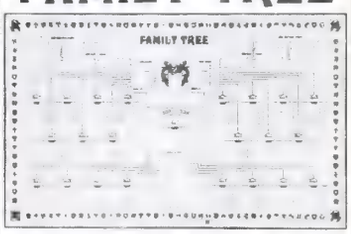
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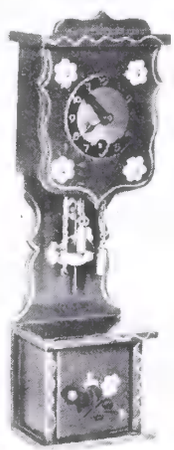
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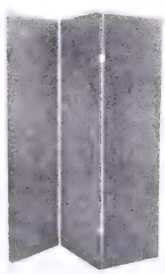
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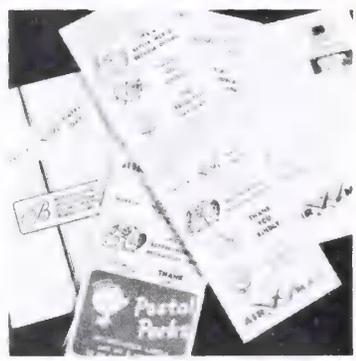
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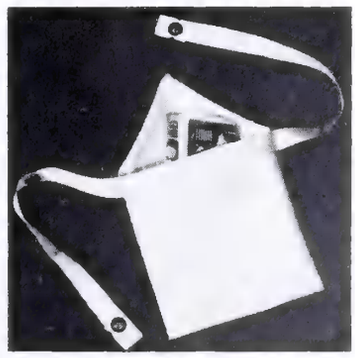
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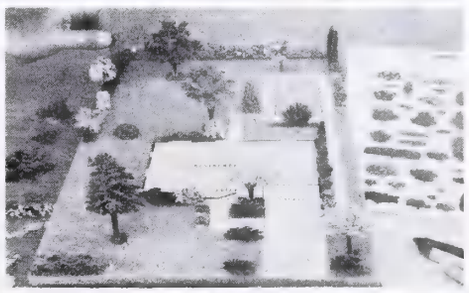


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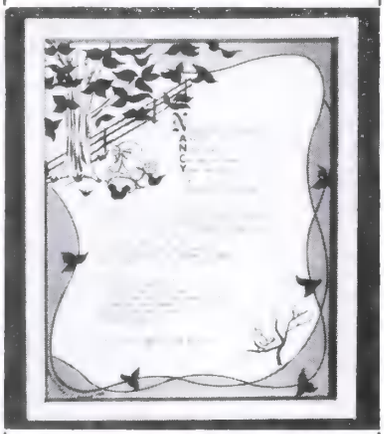
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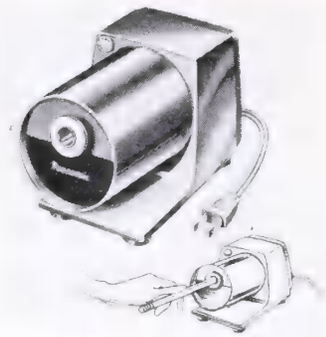


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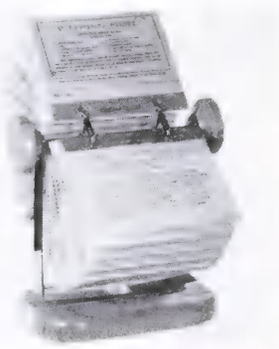
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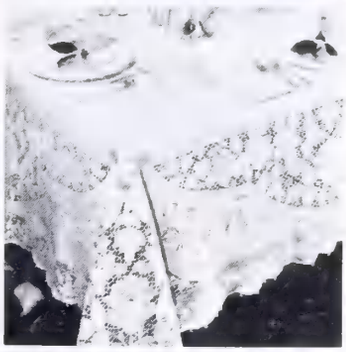
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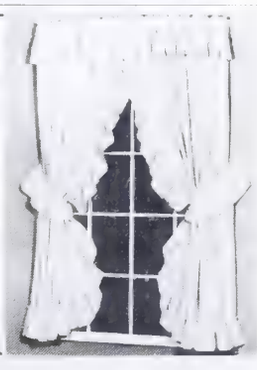
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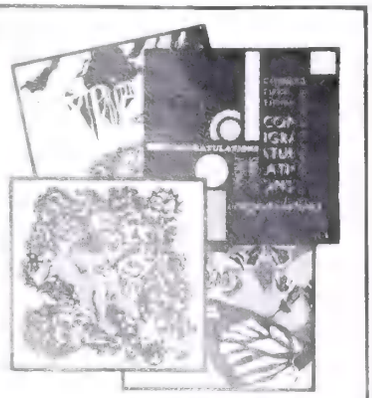


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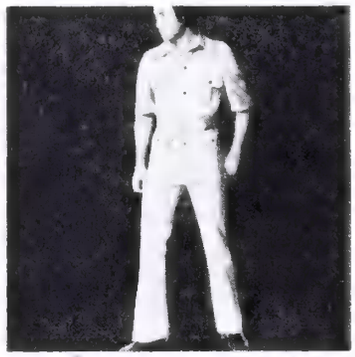
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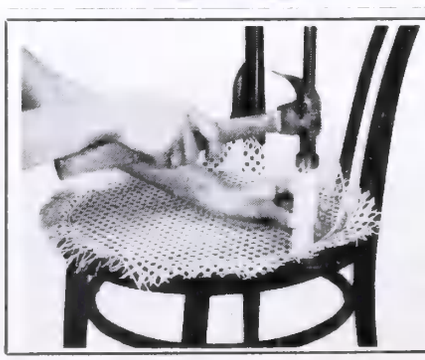
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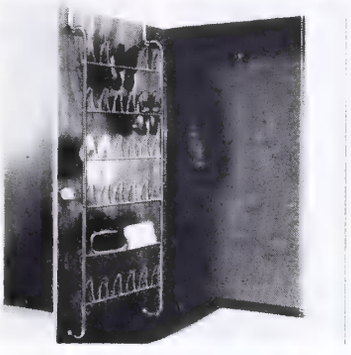
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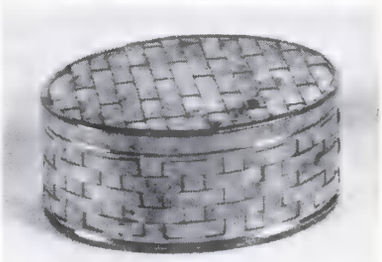
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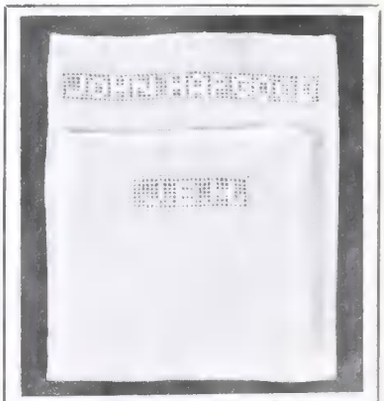


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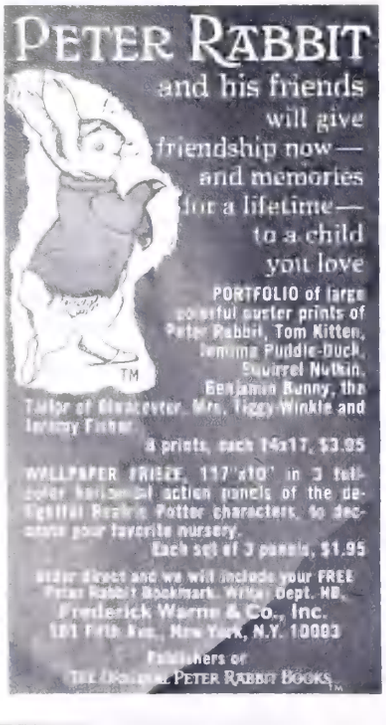


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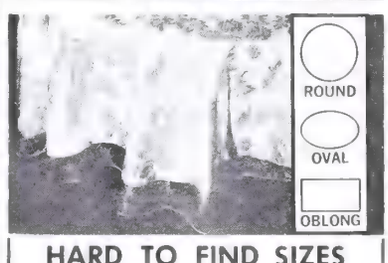
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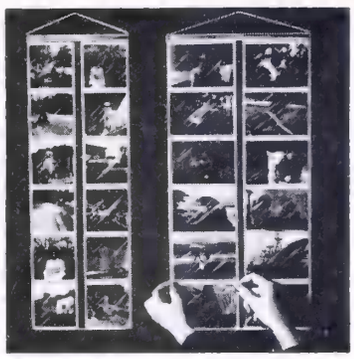


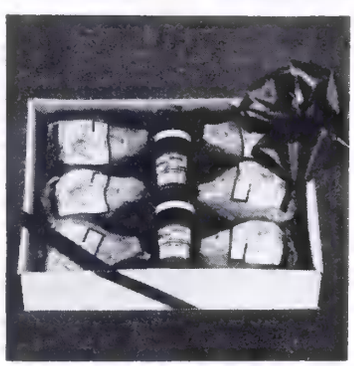
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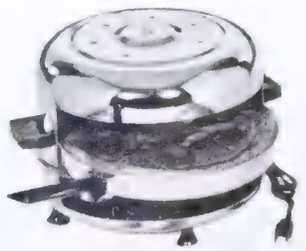


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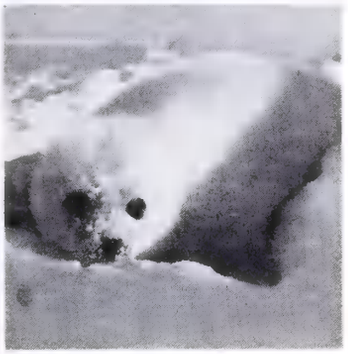
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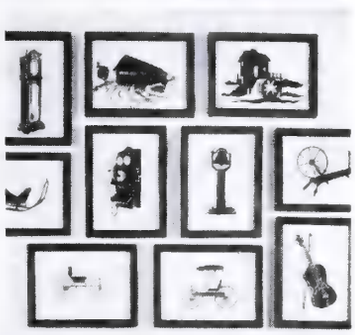
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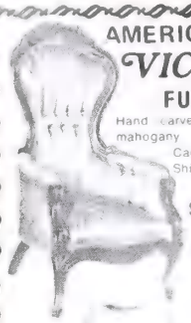
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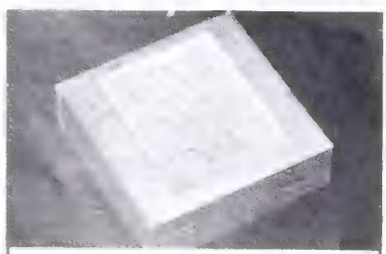
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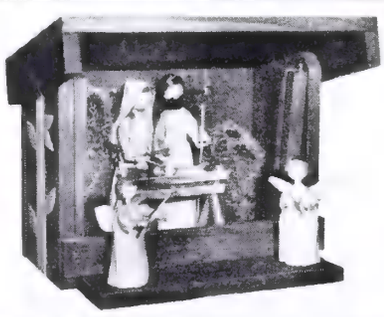
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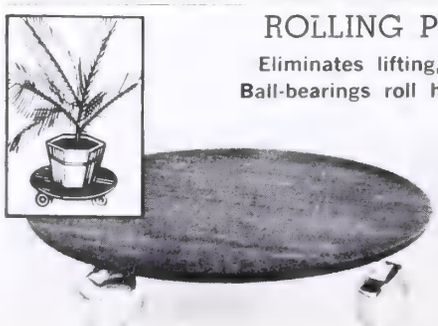


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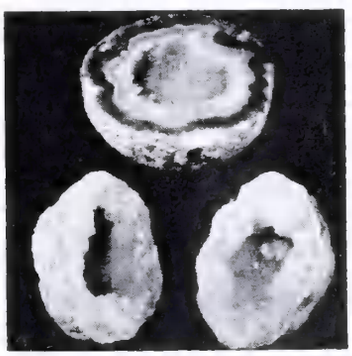
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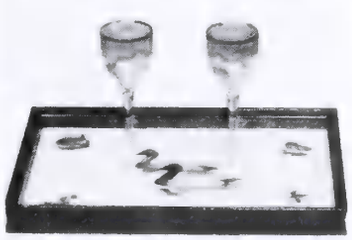


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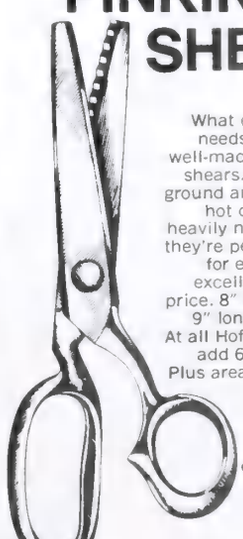
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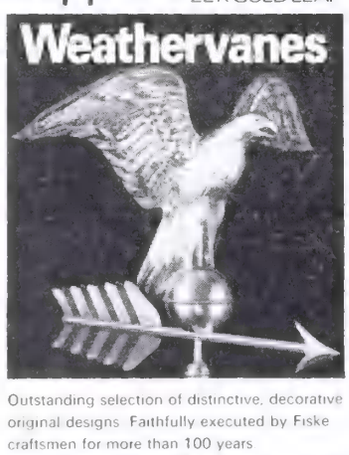
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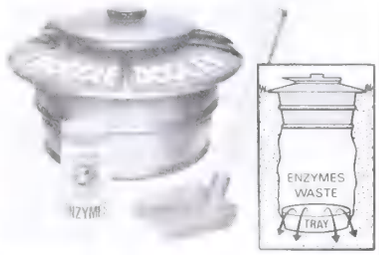


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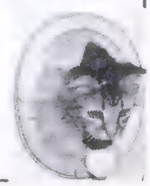


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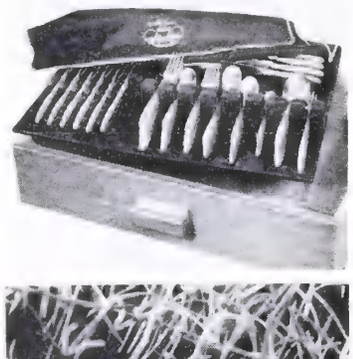
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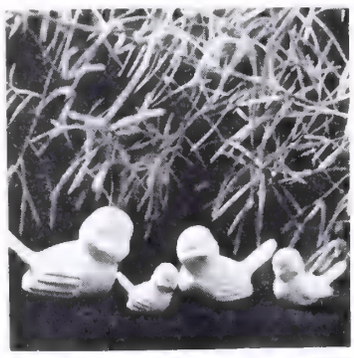
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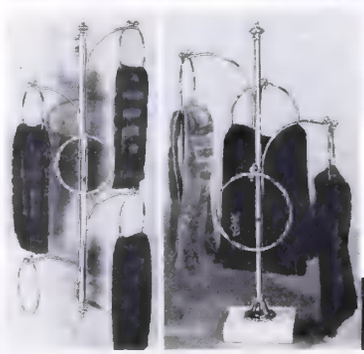
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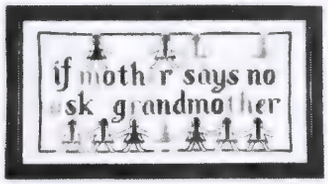
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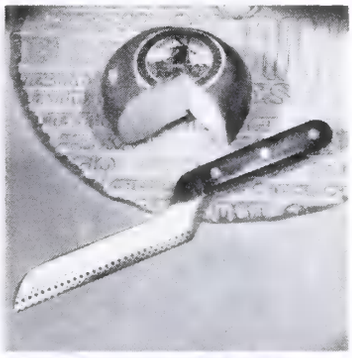
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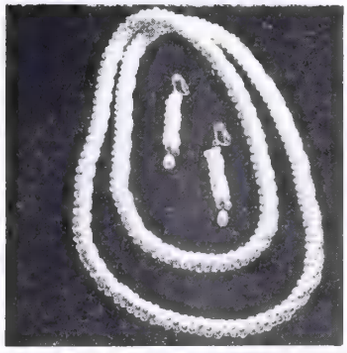
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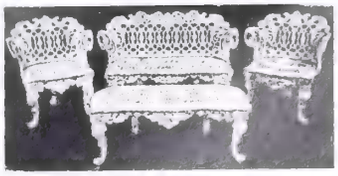
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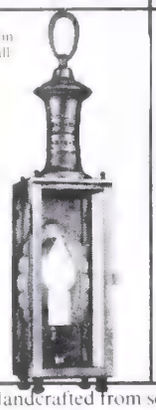
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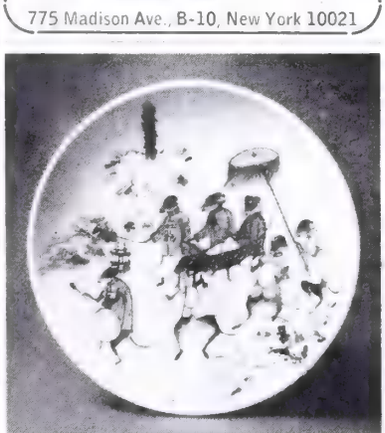
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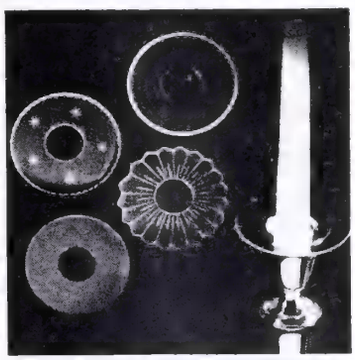
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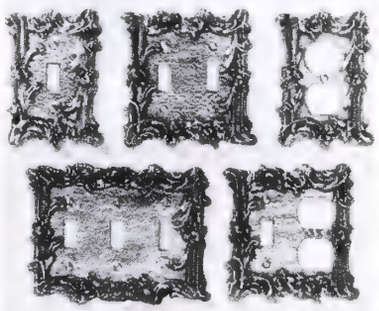
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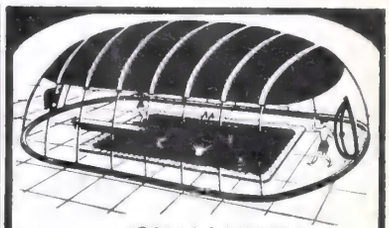
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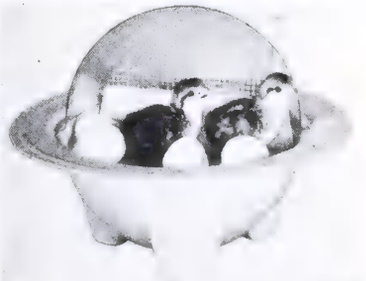


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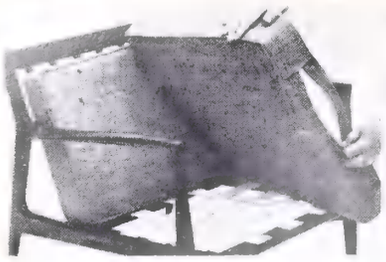
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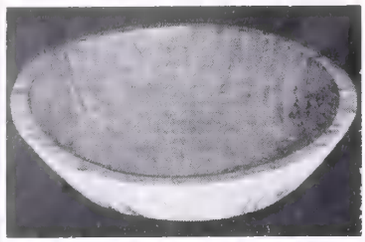
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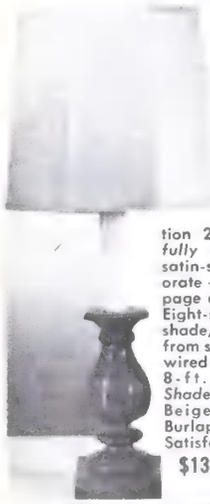
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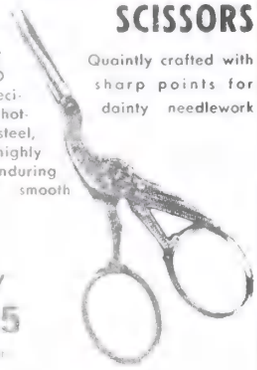
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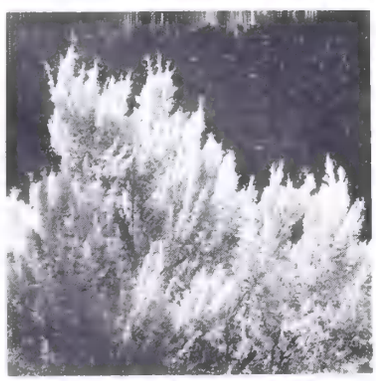
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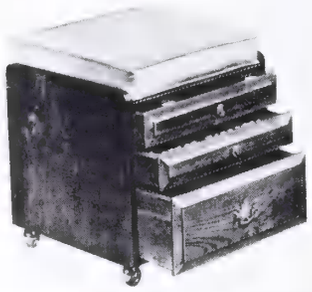
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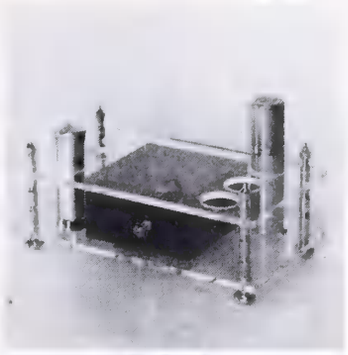


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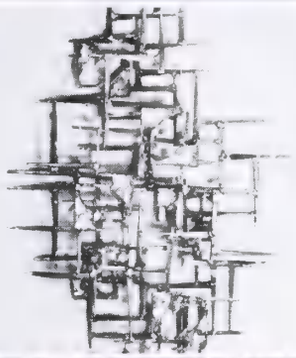
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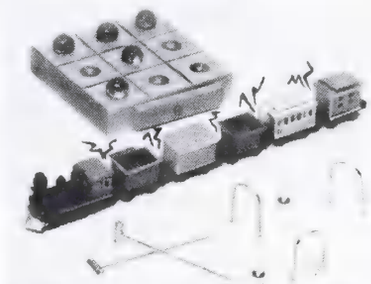
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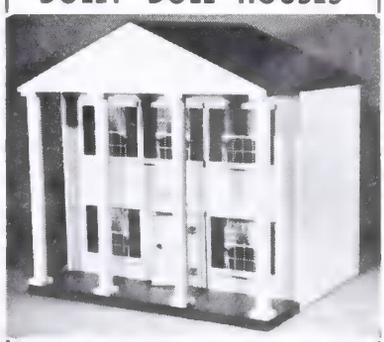
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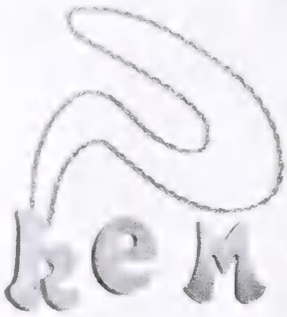
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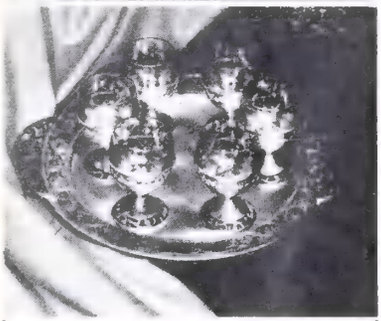
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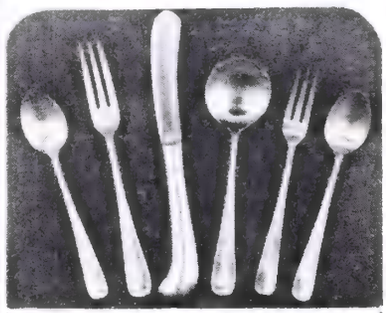
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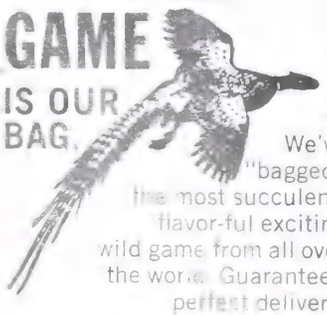
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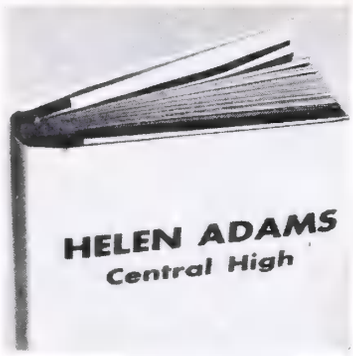
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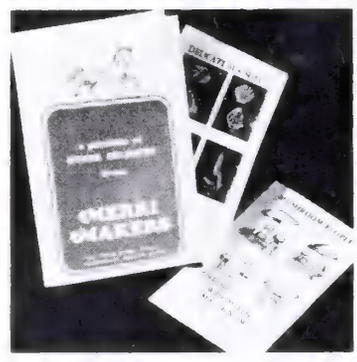
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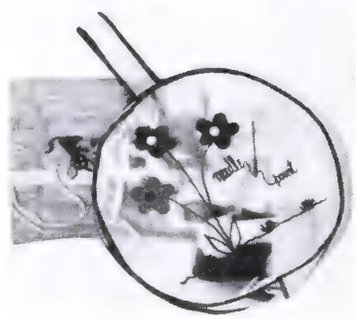
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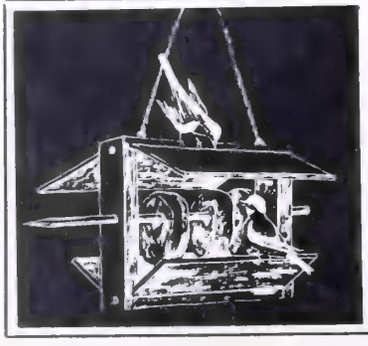
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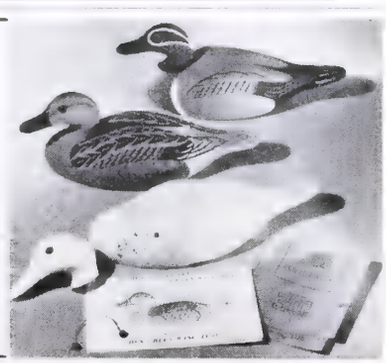
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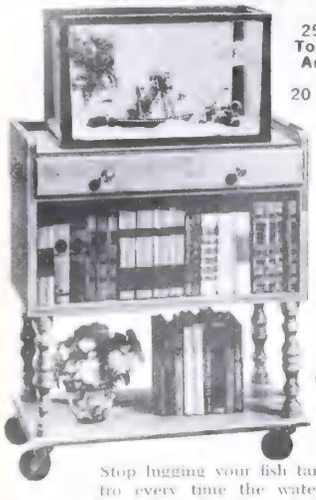
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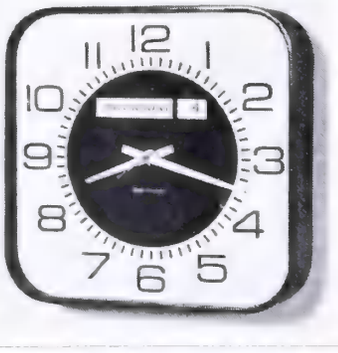
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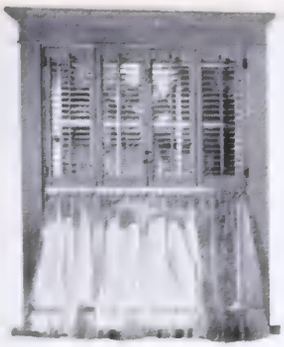


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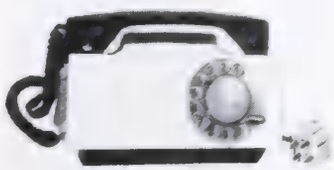
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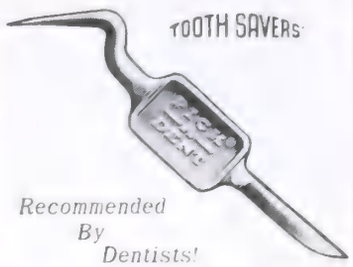
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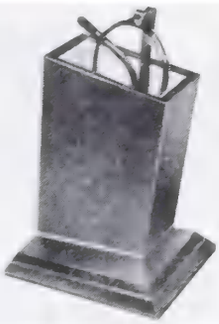


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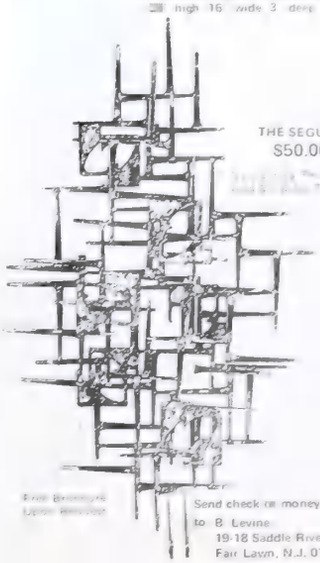
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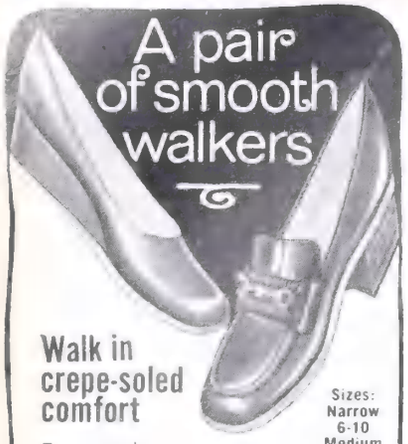
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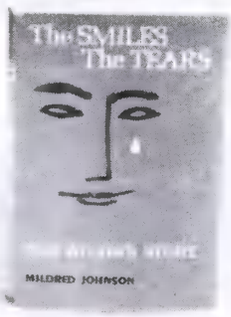
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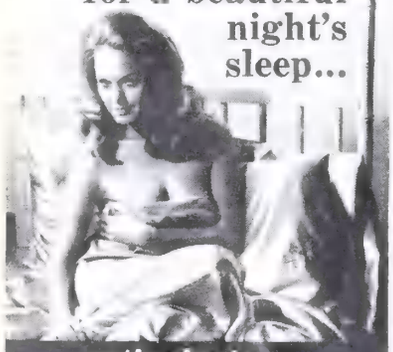


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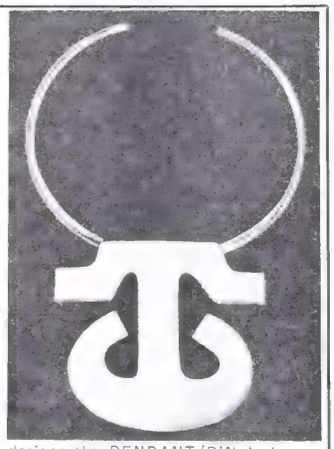
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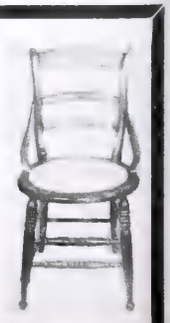


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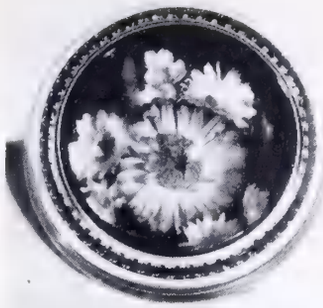
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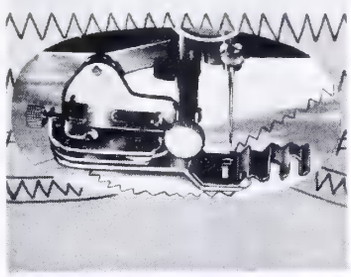
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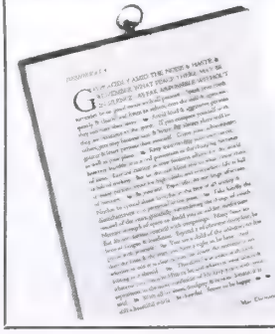
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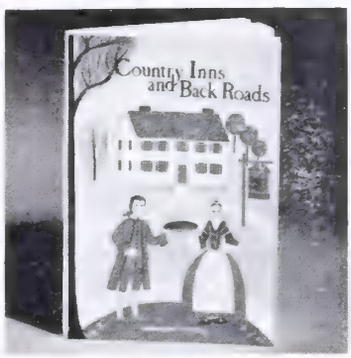
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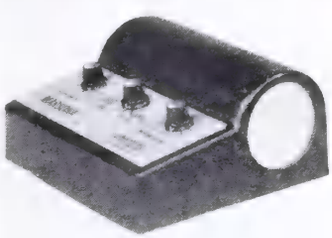
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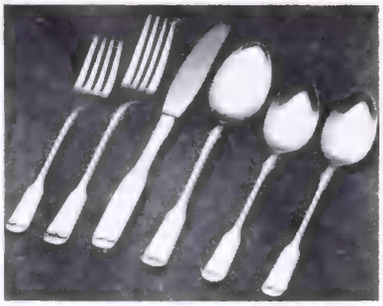


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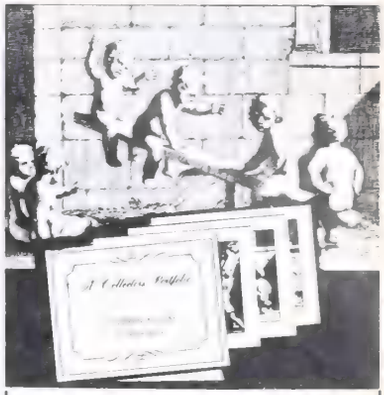




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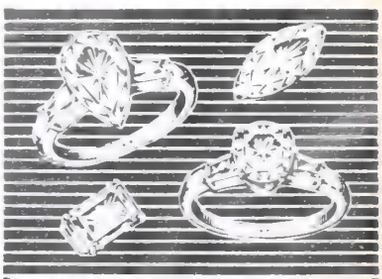
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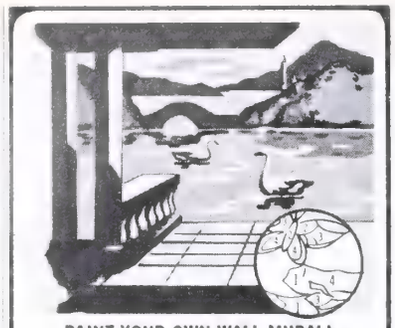
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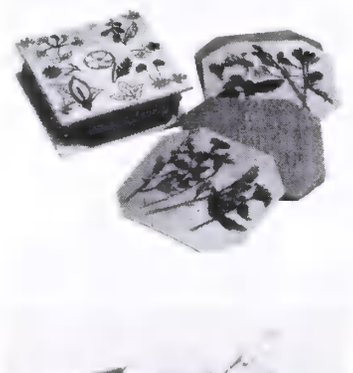
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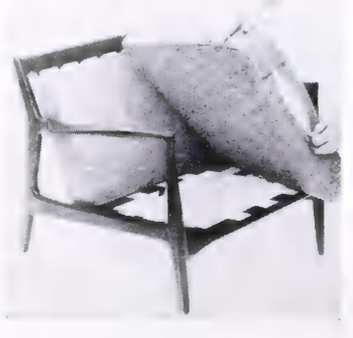
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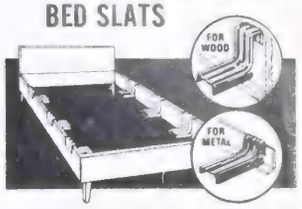
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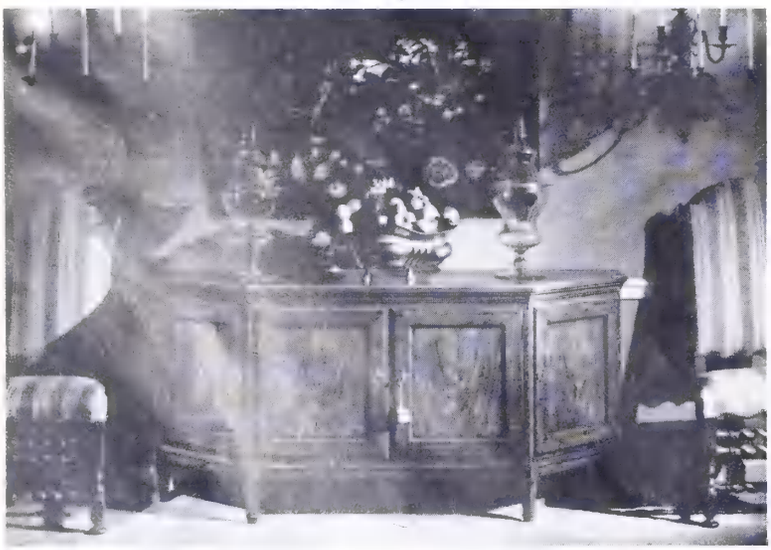
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Breakfast room: Table and chairs, by Eero Saarinen from KNOLL INTERNATIONAL INC.* Cushion vinyl floor tile, ARMSTRONG CORK CO.
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Master bedroom: Wallpaper, AND VICE VERSA,* from KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE.*

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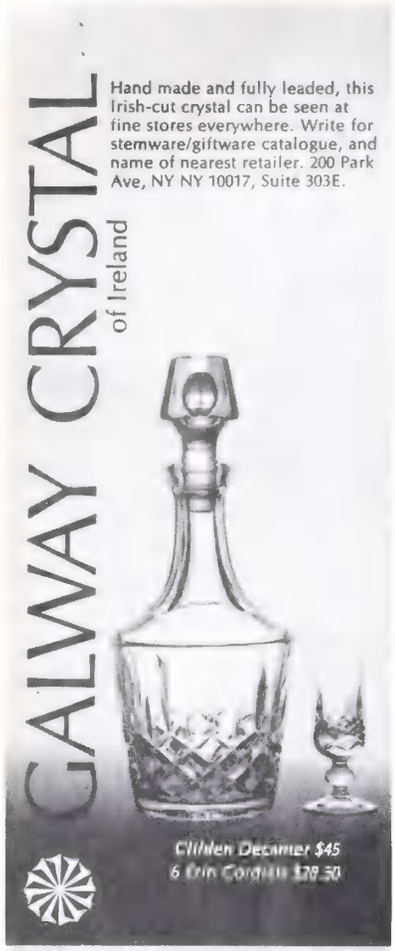
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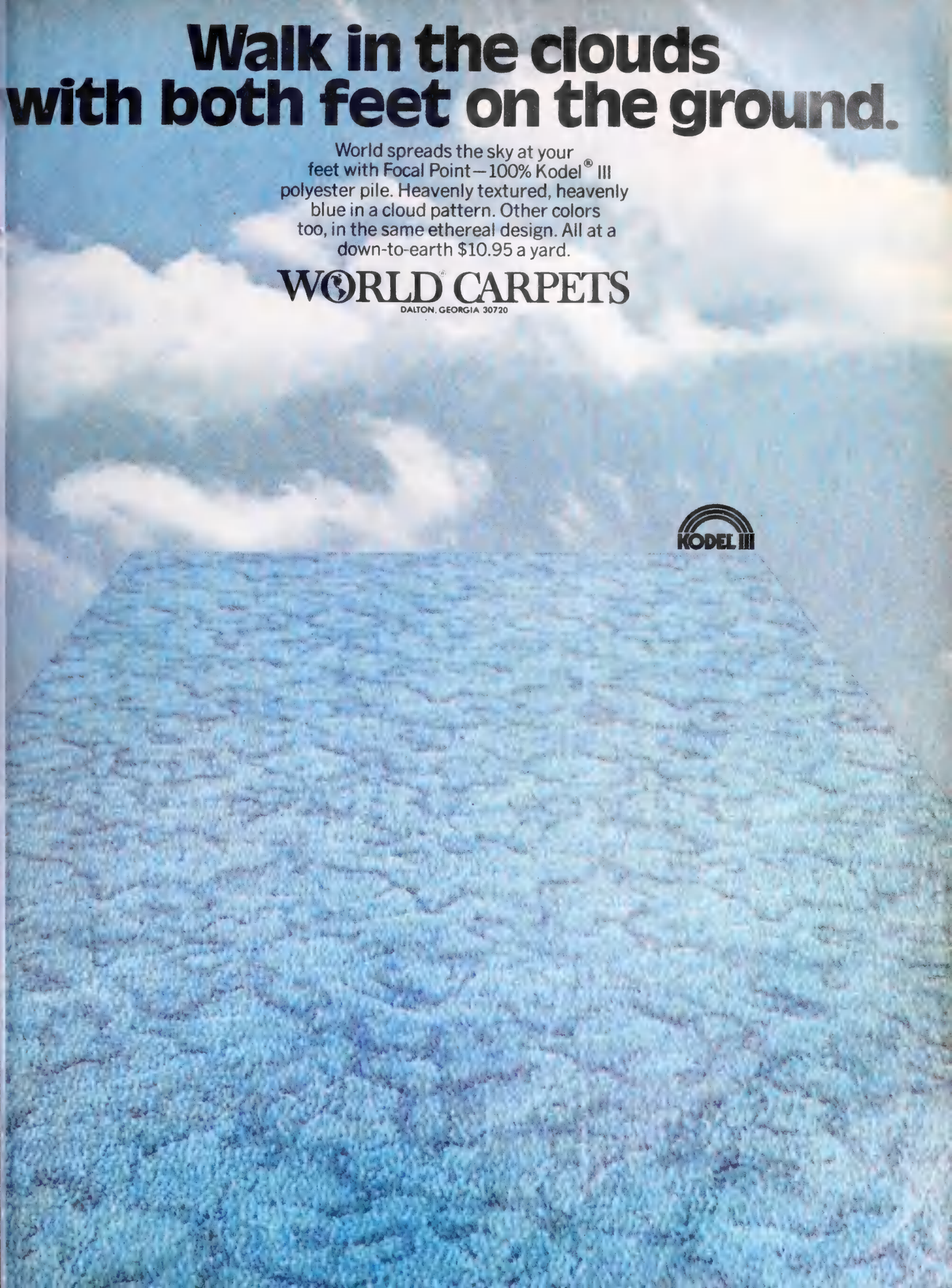
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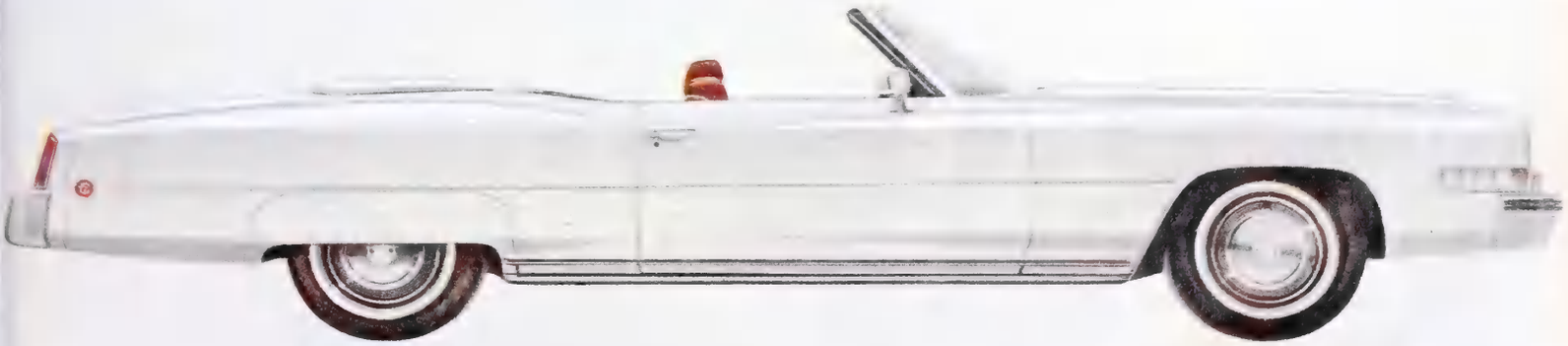
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When Christmas nears, I tremble with resentment. Am I against a season of joy and jollity, a day devoted to love and peace and warm family gatherings and festivity and merriment? No.

I *am* against the monumental shopping caused by Christmas. It may be more blessed to give than to receive, but it may be more blessed to forget the whole thing. To me, it is not blessed to shop. I took a survey and found that Christmas shopping for some (who will admit to it) is an intrusion into their daily lives, a burden, an event that produces anxiety and depression.

There are people who enjoy Christmas shopping. They are harder to locate than 20th-century Scrooges, but when they do turn up, they usually turn out to be chronic organizers. If shopping is a question of survival—and it is in November and December—the organized ones will always survive more happily and gracefully than others.

One calm Christmas shopper told me that it's always later than you think but even so, "Accept your own gift-purchasing schedule. If you're a late buyer and can't change or don't want to, don't let that put you in a flutter. Accept it." Accept myself? I cannot. I envy the Organized Shopper and I want to be one. Like Demosthenes in search of an honest man, I took my lantern and went in search of an Organized Shopper.

I found that Organized Shoppers are the listmakers of the world. These people make lists all year round—and at Christmas are likely to have separate lists for Christmas cards, for people they really want to give a present to, for people they feel they *must* remember (whether they want to or not), for questionables to remember if they still have shopping time after the other gifts are purchased.

A buyer for a Manhattan store tells of a customer who comes to the store in November with a shoe box-shaped file box with all of the names, addresses and chosen gifts filled in for her entire Christmas list. And another such Super-Organized being also advises that you "keep Christmas lists from year to year, so you won't give the same person the same item next year. This also provides good ideas for other people in times of mindlessness," she adds. As for *must* gifts, she says: "If you have a substantial number of business or thank-you presents to give, give them at other times of the year. This eliminates some of the Christmas rush and will please the recipients—who are themselves rushed. But most of all it helps take the materialism out of Christmas."

On the other hand, if you are like me, if you are a last-minute shopper and can't change, here is help:

- Florists are often open late on Christmas Eve, but by this time they've become frantic sellers and their stock may be limited to faded poinsettias, wrapping paper and ribbon.
- Candy stores: nuts, apricot sheets, dried candied ginger, chocolate originals and, occasionally, caviar.
- Drugstores: cosmetics for men and women and, for the health freak, jars of vitamins, granola, etc.
- Discount centers are generally open until late Christmas Eve and if you are really extreme in your tardiness, a few are open on Christmas Day. Here you can buy bicycles, strollers, phonographs, TVs, watches, blenders, tape recorders, irons, sewing machines, cameras, hair dryers and, often, hobby items. Bicycling —now a fad—opens up new fields for peddling merchandise. Think of the bicycle attachments and addenda.
- Many Army-Navy stores are open late: sleeping bags, camping and sports gear, footlockers or trunks to wrap up with a découpage kit or stencils and paint and, of course, clothing that teenagers themselves would choose.
- Baked goods can be found somewhere, even on Christmas Day, in many cities.
- Pet shops, for a child or lonely adult who might like a bird, kitten, dog, turtle.

If you feel other people are better givers than you, here are some examples to revive the sagging imagination.

- Gourmet presents: mushrooms on a string, hand-blown cork-covered jars, soup in a tureen (handle gingerly), coffeemaker mugs with coffee and paper filters, fanciful kitchen items.
- Books: art books, travel books, psychology, humor—everyone on any gift list reads something.
- Plants: Many people love plants and very few hate them, so whatever you choose in this area, you can't be making a horrendous mistake.
- Puzzles for (*Continued on page 14*)

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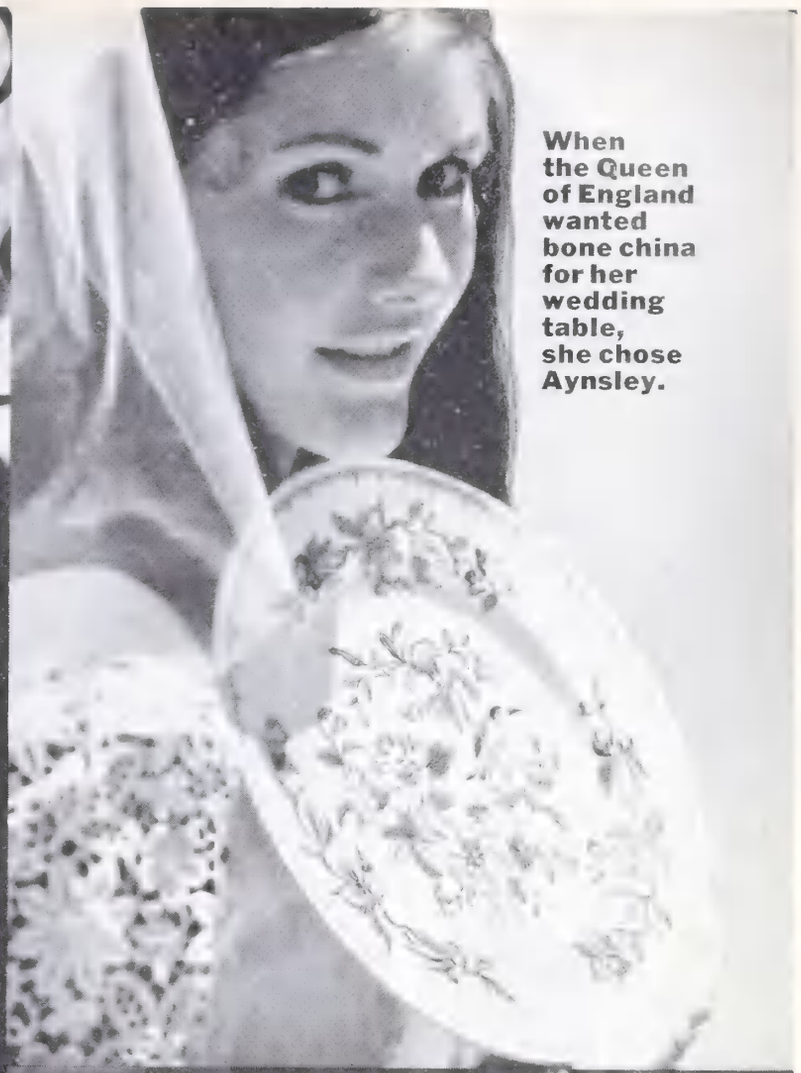
Christmas is an unparalleled time for warmth, giving, family reunions, love. It is also a time when too much happens too fast: gifts to buy and wrap, school holidays, cards to send, parties for children, parties for adults, trimmings and tree to put up. All this when streets, parking lots, shops and supplies are at their annual worst. The result? Excitement coupled with an on-and-off sprinkling of exhaustion, tension and maybe even a tinge of depression. For each of us, the problems are, of course, different—though around Christmas, they seem to fall into several natural categories. There are timing and financial problems and entertaining confusions, decorating traumas. Try to remember what gave you the worst headaches in years past; then, if you can, place your problems into one of our categories. Knowing what defeats you may or may not be half the battle, but it is a first step toward a reasonable solution.

The timing problem is inevitable. In several short weeks, we have to accomplish minor miracles. One preplanner's sage advice: "The only control here is the beforehand tactic. Right now, organize." At this point, it helps to have a table, a corner, a drawer somewhere in the house (something small until things really get into swing) for Christmas planning only. Here is where catalogs and ideas can stay, out of the way, until you're ready to deal with them.

If you really want to organize the holidays, start a notebook or file box for your planning. But even if you tend to make most of your notes on the backs of envelopes, concentrate them all in one spot. You can even buy, address, sign and stamp Christmas cards here and keep them until time to mail them. And be sure to add a calendar to your planning supplies. Though the decorating and entertaining can't actually be *done* ahead, they can be organized ahead. If you know ahead what wreaths, plants, ribbons, candles you're going to want to use, you can get right at them when the time comes. Guest lists, menus, invitations can all be preplanned. Instructions (and some supplies) for make-it projects can be organized very early. It does absolute wonders for easing last-minute confusion.

Eliminating financial stress is a juggling act. Though much output has to do with gifts, a surprising amount drifts into other areas, such as decorating and entertaining. One doesn't have to skimp on the quality of the meat but, in a pinch, who needs to (*Continued on page 16*)





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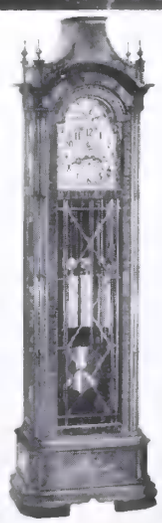
"I can't go like I used to," George admits. "I'm getting on now. But my eyesight's still good and my hand's steady. And I keep my tools extra sharp. That's the key you know; real sharp tools. So I still work several hours a day on our dining room table."

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A word of advice from a secure gift giver: "Don't pass up what seems like the perfect gift for someone because it doesn't cost enough and he always gives you an expensive present. Try to keep the person's taste in mind—and not the dollar. Never give more than you can afford because that will mess up *your* Christmas." Agreed! As one recipient says: "If they generally send me a $25 present and my chief concern is matching their amount, it doesn't represent love at all. The best presents are from someone who really goes out of his way to give something not necessarily expensive, but amusing.

"I'm a movie buff and a friend always gives me something like the book *Whatever Became of . . . ?*—about old movie stars.

"I have 12 candles in a chandelier over my dining table. I never had it electrified and I was forever climbing on ladders to blow out the candles. My niece went to an ecclesiastical supply store and gave me a four-foot long snuffer like those that altar boys use. It's a great help.

"Some presents needn't cost anything at all," he goes on. "I had a friend who had left the church and was planning to return to it. After being in South America for years and years, he came up for the holidays—still tentative about religion—and I gave him a ticket to midnight mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. To cap the climax, John Kennedy—Senator Kennedy then—and his wife were in the same pew. It was thrilling for him." (I don't want to be forever sounding defeatest and glum, but most of us cannot provide something like that.)

One of our most composed and experienced Christmas givers speaks up in praise of catalogs: "Never go shopping with a blank mind. In fact, never, if you can help it, go shopping at all. Catalogs and magazines help you think, save footwork while you lie in your bed with a pencil in your hand."

Bonus! When you order from catalogs, other people wrap and mail and leave you free to enjoy Christmas. Many stores are willing and eager to send catalogs out of state. Mail-order buying can make your life easier and more organized—and doesn't make the well-chosen gift any less loving. Some of us feel that fighting crowds (and suffering) is a sign of virtue and part of the Christmas deal, but in truth the gift is not any nicer because you have clawed your way through throngs of other agitated people. The catalog is the way to calm and serenity and some of that Christmas joy we've all read about.

Go over your Christmas notebook and see whom you can eliminate. Write them a letter well in advance and let them know you're sending it instead of a gift—tactfully. You may be spreading advance tidings of great joy.

This may seem negative, but it works. People will be grateful if you eliminate the exchange of gifts. I have done it myself. I timidly asked my sister-in-law if we could forego the exchange and it turned out that she had been timid about asking me. I spread great joy that Christmas. It is sometimes a kindness to unload these responsibilities that make people fret.

What can you make for some? Does anyone love your chocolate sauce, your needlepoint, your sewing, your painting or drawing? If you make food for someone at Christmas, make sure the giftee doesn't have to do anything to it or with it except place it in the refrigerator or freezer. The most delicious present can be the final blow at an especially busy time if it has to be cut up and wrapped or cooked immediately so it won't spoil. Anything that requires immediate attention for its survival should by all means be avoided.

If you have no talent and/or begrudge time spent in creative gift efforts, something to eat or cook with is an easy way out:
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On tipping, that curse of Christmas, a conformist says: "You can't do anything about it. You simply must tip (*Continued*)

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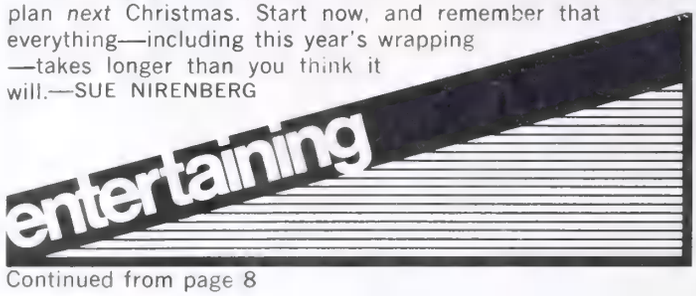
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doormen, milkmen, paper man, delivery man. If you can accept this, it doesn't have to sour your Christmas. If you have a lot of tipping, save money for tips and put it in a special envelope." A bitter tipper says, "The only people who seem to care about me at Christmas are the doormen, etc. I resent their eager smiles and offers to help since they confine it to just before Christmas." But I happen to like the eager smiles and offers to help. I like being treated courteously for those few weeks, knowing that it may not happen until next year. I don't care why anyone is nice to me. The change is pleasant.

The Conformist-Coward's helpful guide to tipping:

- Nothing goes over so well as money, and if you dispense it a week or so before Christmas, you'll be well-liked. (Apartment dwellers have an appalling number of tips. If you live in a house, be grateful and happily skip this part.)
- Current suggested tips for building staffs: superintendent, 10% of a month's rent; handyman, same; elevator man, $10 to $15; doormen, $10 to $15; porter, $10; relief man, $5 to $10. (Most buildings provide a staff list.) For garage attendants, $2 or $5 or $10. (You will have to tip during the year, as well.)
- For delivery boys (groceries, liquor, butcher, cleaner, laundry, diapers, flowers), $1 to $5. For maid or cleaning woman, one week's salary plus personal gift; garbage man, $10; milkman, mailman, $2. Don't resent it. They need it more than you.
- Teachers, doctors, restaurant personnel: Some teachers will not accept gifts, but if they do, you shouldn't give money; doctors don't; restaurant personnel do, but that depends on how often you go; it's entirely up to you.
- Hairdressers and barbers: You tip all year, so it might be better to give a personal present at Christmas. Since they do improve and care for and enhance you, they are deserving of whatever you feel you'd like to give them.

The truly efficient person knows that it is not too early to plan *next* Christmas. Start now, and remember that everything—including this year's wrapping —takes longer than you think it will.—SUE NIRENBERG



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serve an expensive imported cheese when a good domestic one will do? What you give in one area, you take from another. How about a wine-tasting instead of a cocktail party? (Some of the off-years are delicious and also less expensive.) Do you need a new dress for every new party—or can you shop early for several swap-around sweaters or blouses and a long skirt that will "party-up" your wardrobe? Will you have to replace decorations or party linens? Must your budget cover a new angel's costume for your child's school or church pageant? Even with preplanning you may find yourself spending more now and recuperating in January—but a realistic look ahead at your budget and how far it has to stretch should help you face the situation without a great deal of panic.

Other than financial considerations, the key to Christmas cool is to ask yourself: What can be pre-prepared? The Christmas dinner doesn't, after all, have to be six hot main dishes and a fantastic dessert, all dependent on split-second timing to survive. Cold sliced turkey and ham, fresh bakery buns, a super salad, ingredients prewashed and sliced and, say, two hot dishes might easily do it. And for dessert, cakes and cookies you've baked and frozen ahead. There are always last-minute crises: arranging flowers, washing and drying an extra 25 glasses, polishing the one silver bowl you were sure (until the last minute) you weren't going to use, finding a place setting for the unexpected guest. There's no way to prevent such things, and if everything else is in control, it won't much matter. You've got to have something to do before the guests arrive, anyway, and you can only comb your hair so many times.

Another aid: Don't feel you have to do something just because you, your mother, her mother and all the preceding generations have always done the same thing in just (*Continued*)



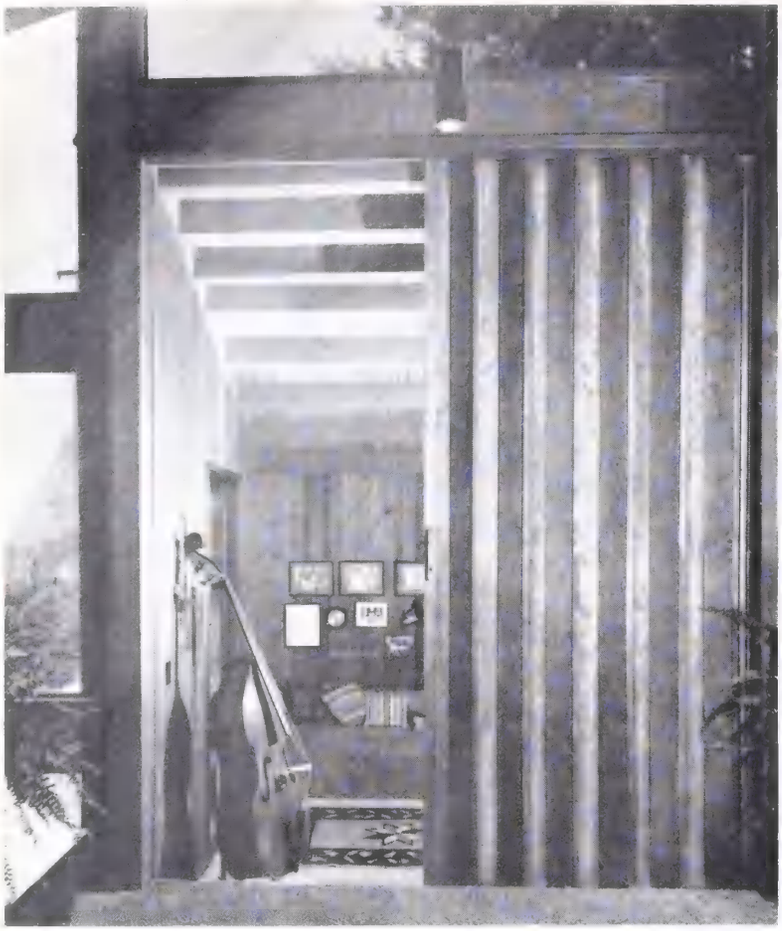
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that way. Create new traditions. Concentrate on how *you* can best cope with decorations and tree-trimming and family dinners (does it have to be sit-down this year?). One wise adapter feels: "If you always do everything the same way, it will either become a burden or it will be a terrible jolt when inevitable changes in life make it impossible to carry on the tradition."

The changes don't have to be major. Add a new delicacy to vary the dinner and take away an old one. Ask a friend—perhaps someone who is alone—to join family festivities. Your friend will be honored and saved from a possibly lonely holiday and will, undoubtedly, add a new dimension to the conversations. Invite the usuals for Christmas supper instead of dinner or schedule dinner in the afternoon instead of the evening. Decorating traditions may or may not suit your present lifestyle. The tree, for instance, may no longer mean what it did if there aren't children around to enjoy it. No need to feel guilty; eliminate it. In its place, you might substitute candles and holly or create one smashing centerpiece for Christmas dinner.

As if all the things to do at home aren't enough, there are, suddenly, an abundance of activities to attend. This is hard when you're not used to all the extra energy, smiling, conversation, drinking, eating involved—especially on top of a party of your own. Going out also involves much time to get ready, to find a babysitter (especially difficult this time of year), to fix dinner for the home dwellers and temporary guardian. Here's where that calendar comes in. The minute a commitment is made, jot it on your calendar along with a note of preparation time you'll need: hairdressing appointments, arranging for someone else to pick up the children at school, taking clothes to the cleaners, setting a new time to make the gingerbread house you had planned to make that night. And if time should still get out of hand, admit exhaustion after a reasonable point and regret activities you're just not up to.

In spite of all controls, depression sometimes sneaks in. We all get glum at some point or other around the holidays. Medical reports suggest that it is around just such a holiday that one expects to feel happy, so there is a greater chance of disappointment. And with disappointment comes guilt for not feeling happy. Recognizing this, accepting it and refusing to feel guilty about it are the soothing countermoves. If holiday despair reaches the point of rebellion, one humanitarian suggests, "Best go away. Or if your heart is too big for that, concentrate on doing just one nice thing for someone."

When it comes down to it, living with, coping with and enjoying Christmas for the great pleasure it can be is a simple matter of getting enough sleep, extra time for yourself and a liberal dose of organization with whatever notebooks you need to keep yourself together. With these and a knowledge of and sense of humor about yourself, Christmas can't help but be a truly memorable time.—ANNE OGDEN

letters

In the summer of 1956, the State University of Iowa sponsored an art exhibit featuring several canvases by Kuniyoshi. Although I enjoy art, it's very rare that I'm deeply moved by a particular painting, but that summer I fell in love with "She Walks Among the Ruins." I was spellbound by her and I admired the painting daily while the exhibit lasted. Therefore, it was a double delight to read "Her 'Happiest' Paradox" in the August issue. Not only is the Long Island home quite fascinating, but one of my favorite paintings resides there, adding its special charms to a perfect setting.—M.L.L., San Rafael, Calif.

How grateful I am for Helen McCully's recipe for Paskha in the April issue. I prepared this delicacy for three of my most discerning friends and am still receiving plaudits. Fortunately, I had every ingredient at the farm, including beautiful fresh violets (picked with silvery dew) and was rewarded as the last flower was garlanded around the masterpiece. At first it seemed too much of a challenge to duplicate your beautiful picture but the words "delectable adventure" beckoned. (*Continued*)

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Your May and June covers settle it. HB now has a tremendous lead on all other magazines for sheer esthetic insensitivity. On entering such rooms one could only say "Quick, the Dramamine," or pray for some handy source of speedy insensibility to escape the sight.—L.S., Boston

The April issue of HB is virtually worn out from reading and rereading your coverage of the Hall home in Beverly Hills. With various adaptations to our own family and lot, we are hopeful of building a somewhat similar home south of Denver. Thanks for the most exciting issue of any magazine we've seen in a long time.—Mrs. C.S.R., Denver, Colo.

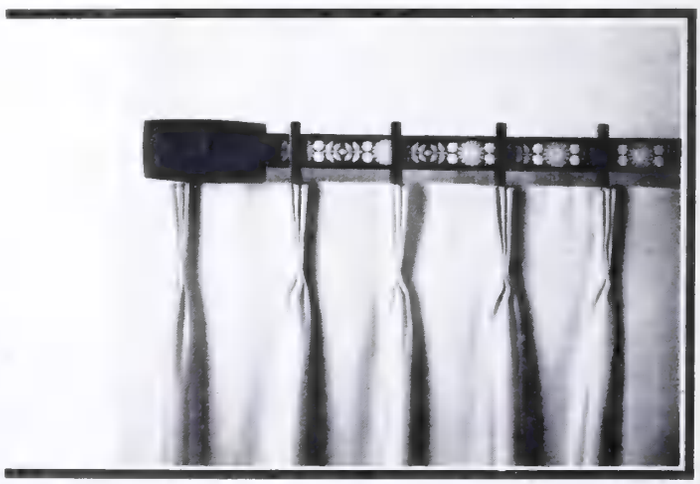
For the first time in years, you have used poor judgment in the choice of material. I am referring to the piece on Martha Mitchell [July]. To set Mrs. Mitchell up as an example of someone with good taste is ludicrous.—M.B.C., Rochester, N.Y.

I am looking for a book that does for household cleaning problems what Helen McCully's *Nobody Ever Tells You These Things* has done for food and drink. I give that book as shower gifts—it's marvelous and, pricewise, a perfect gift.—I.H.L., Superior, Wisc.

decorating

For diehard do-it-yourselfers, budget watchers (aren't we all?) and any other industrious souls, there is a 14-page booklet full of ideas and instructions for decorating window shades. "Do-It-Yourself Ideas for Window Shades" covers with text and pictures such areas as trimming, appliqué, painting, pulls and how to measure accurately. It is available for 25 cents from Window Shade Manufacturers Association, Dept. HB, 230 Park Ave., New York City 10017.

Down with uncoordinated hardware and up with the Emphasis Collection from Stanley Drapery Hardware—a boutique of window treatment accessories. Up with The Designer, a drapery rod to match any décor, whatever patterns or colors are in it. How? By inserting matching fabric, trim or paper into



the recessed face of the rod with the double-face tape included in the package. Also featured are concealed mountings and wrap-around finials (no need to remove them when changing treatments). Coordinated accessories are also available. Rod comes in satin-black in four lengths; about $14 to $40.

The design is neo-comfort in a slatted-back hammock chair. Its merits were recently recognized by Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Inc., a trade association of lumbermen from an Appalachian Mountain region. It annually sponsors a design contest for North Carolina State (*Continued*)

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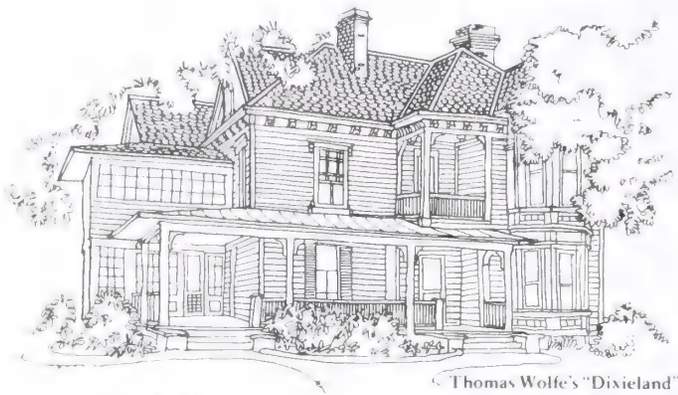
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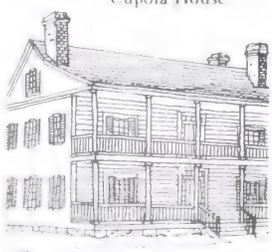
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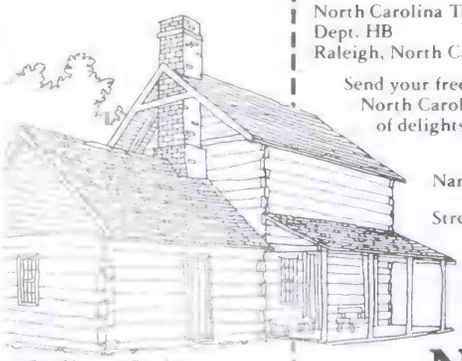
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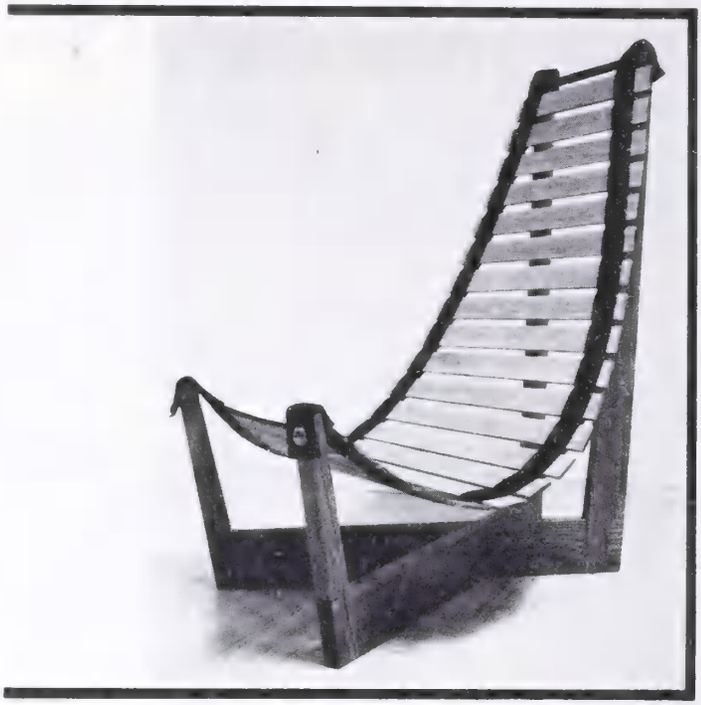
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—SUSAN SCHRAUB

gardens

Preplanted hybrid amaryllis bulbs are the season's biggest bargain in spectacular flowers. All you add is water, and while the taste of convenience foods may leave something to be desired, the same is not true in the world of gardening. The results are strictly Chelsea Flower Show. The "instant" amaryllis packages available now at local garden centers and by mail from such well-known firms as the W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Jackson and Perkins, Medford, Ore. and the George W. Park Seed Co., Greenwood, S.C., are practically foolproof. Place in an east, south or west window that receives sun in the winter and where temperatures would be comfortable for you. Water often enough to keep the soil moist. After the flowers wither, cut off the stalk where it emerged from the bulb. Feed with a liquid house-plant fertilizer every two weeks until September to promote the growth of as many healthy leaves as possible. (The rule of green thumb says every four new leaves store up a set of flower buds in the bulb.) Then put in a closet or other darkened place and withhold food and water until the leaves wither and dry. In four to eight weeks, or when new growth shows, bring back to the sun and begin watering again for another successful flowering season.

Would you like bouquets of sweet-smelling narcissus for the holidays? Now is the time to plant bulbs of paper-white narcissus and the golden Soleil d'Or. Easiest method is to fill a decorative bowl or other waterproof container with at least two inches of pebbles or vermiculite. Nestle the bottoms of the bulbs into the planting medium about an inch deep. Water well. Set in a dark place where the temperature stays between 60° and 70°. Check frequently to be sure the bulbs are moist. When well-rooted and the leaves are beginning to grow, bring to a sunny windowsill or put under a fluorescent-light unit for plants. Blooms open in two to four weeks but will fail to open if the plants receive no sun, if temperatures stay above 75° in very dry air or if the bulbs did not have a rooting period in coolness. *(Continued on page 26)*


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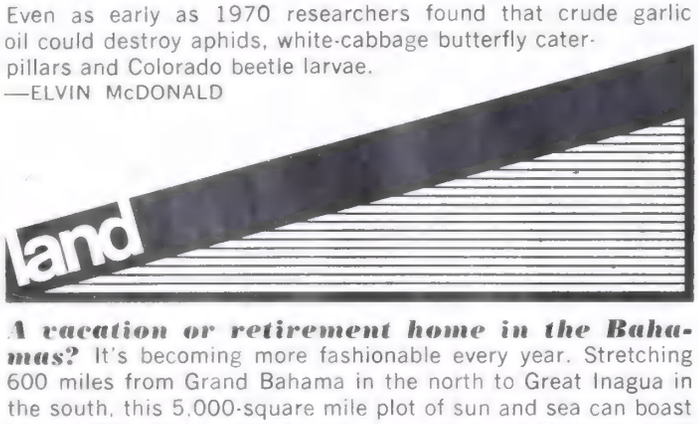
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If green survival is your cause, you will find the 1972 Yearbook of Agriculture, *Landscape for Living*, a superb guide to improving our environment with plants. It includes background information and how-to-do-it advice to home gardeners and even is something of a textbook on the biology of plants. But beyond this, *Landscape for Living* discusses land planning, redesigning downtown shopping areas and new towns. Also covered is the vast subject of plants in action—helping raise the spirits of inner city residents, teaching youth about the environment and providing new vistas for senior citizens. It is a hardcover book, illustrated with over 175 black-and-white photos, many drawings and 42 pages of color. Your congressman has a limited number of copies for free distribution or the Yearbook may be purchased for $3.50 a copy by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Is garlic really an aphrodisiac? That question probably has no scholarly answer but according to a recent report made by the American Horticultural Society, garlic oil has quite another effect in the insect world. In fact, it could conceivably replace DDT. Two researchers from India have isolated, identified and even synthetically duplicated ingredients within garlic oil that have the power to kill larvae of certain mosquitoes and agricultural pests. These newly isolated chemicals have proved lethal to a number of insect pests at concentrations as low as five parts per million of larvicidal mixture. Even as early as 1970 researchers found that crude garlic oil could destroy aphids, white-cabbage butterfly caterpillars and Colorado beetle larvae.

—ELVIN McDONALD



A vacation or retirement home in the Bahamas? It's becoming more fashionable every year. Stretching 600 miles from Grand Bahama in the north to Great Inagua in the south, this 5,000-square mile plot of sun and sea can boast of over 700 islands. But buying property in the Bahamas isn't quite the same as putting money down on a Palm Beach lot. There are differences you ought to know before you invest.

1. Should you buy or build a home? Generally, it's best to buy. Although there are no taxes on undeveloped land, building costs are higher than in the U.S. by as much as 10 to 15% for Nassau and Freeport and up to 30% for the "out islands." Prefabricated houses are discouraged and trailers or mobile homes are nonexistent. Figure $30 per square foot or more when building. Construction of homes also takes considerably longer than it does in the U. S.

2. Where is the best place to live? That depends on you. If your health requires constant attention or you demand stateside services, it's best to settle near or in Freeport or Nassau. Out-island facilities are unpredictable, even in this day. Of these, Abaco and Eleuthera offer the most advanced services.

3. Is property expensive? Where it is available, beach front property in places such as Nassau or Lyford Key run about the same as for Palm Beach, which is around $1,000 a front foot. Beach frontage on the out islands may run between $140 and $300 a front foot. Inland property, as a rule, is somewhat more expensive than inland property in Florida. In fact, costs generally are higher in the Bahamas. Homeowners can pay 30% to 40% more for many essentials, including food. Recent building by American developers may eventually lower prices, but for the present, property will cost more than the Florida average.

4. What is the tax situation in the Bahamas? Favorable when compared to the States. Property taxes are based on an assessment rate and are nominal—about ½ of 1% of the assessed value on improved land. There are no taxes on vacant land. Although there is no personal income tax, Americans are urged to consult American tax laws before investing or moving.

5. Can a mortgage be obtained? American banks will not supply mortgage money for island property. Some American and Canadian banks that have branches in the (*Continued*)

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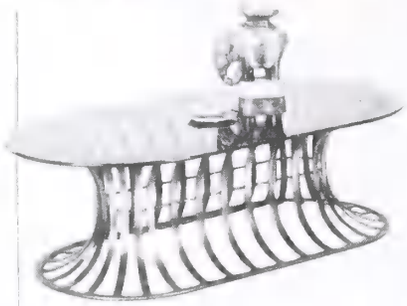
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Bahamas (Chase Manhattan, First National City and a number of large Canadian banks) do offer mortgage money through their island branches to preferred customers. Where American development corporations have built "settlements," terms can be arranged. Rates for developed land will compare favorably to those offered by the island banks, which get about 9 to 10%. Many island banks will not carry mortgages.

6. What facilities are available? As a rule, utilities are quite far below American standards. If one settles near Nassau or Freeport he can generally expect good services. With the exception of downtown Nassau, septic tanks provide for sewage disposal. Electricity flows from private generators on many of the out or less-developed islands. Development corporations provide electrical plants for their communities. In larger towns, private utility companies offer electrical services. They are expensive. Gas is generally used for cooking. Telephone service is reasonably good on Grand Bahama, New Providence, Abaco and Eleuthera; reasonably poor elsewhere.

7. Is there plenty of water? This essential can present a problem. The further south one goes in the Bahamas, the less fresh water is available. And even in the northern island group, above Nassau on New Providence, the water quality can be poor. Catch basins, once required by law, are still much in sight, especially in the out islands. Shallow wells and government-supplied water are used extensively. A severe drought during the summer months lowers the water table to a point where it may become brackish. Well water is used for cleaning and garden work, government or town water is consumed. A lot of lime is in the water. Meters are used for government-supplied water.

8. How is garbage disposed of? Burned or dumped at sea.

9. Insurance? Comprehensive home insurance (including hurricane) may be had at bargain prices.

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11. Are architects available? Yes, and very good ones. Design presents few problems although there are zoning laws in certain areas. Bahamians prefer a design that blends with their colonial past. Some modern styles are present.

12. Are condominiums available? Yes. They range in price from $25,000 to well over $100,000.

13. What is the single most important factor in buying island property? Reputable Realtors advise that the purchaser take a good hard look at the land before he buys. Mail order purchases have given the Bahamas a black eye. Do not buy property while vacationing. Go back home and think it over. Investigate the hidden costs, the type of land, its location and what you can afford. In short, approach the problem cautiously.

If you do decide to buy, remember that the Bahamas are not part of the U.S. A work permit, unlike a residency permit, is hard to get and rules out semiretirement status for most Americans. Unless, that is, you commute to the U.S. or can generate a lot of economic muscle—enough to satisfy the government that your business is good for the Bahamas.

The Bahamas Real Estate Association, P.O. Box N-837, Nassau, Bahamas, is a good starting point for more information.

—THOMAS M. SHEEHAN

crafts

The handsome quilt bedspread on page 139 (gift number 22) is part of a new collection of bedspreads, tablecloths and pillows from Dakotah Handcrafts by Tract. This began as a by-hand craft of the South Dakota Indians, who were reproducing patterns passed down for generations. The Indians had little means to market their wares other than locally and their income was far

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A South Dakota woman stitches an Indian design on bedspreads, cloths and pillows. The work is being sponsored by Tract, an organization formed in 1971 to help the Indians and other low-income residents of the state. The new collection, based on South Dakota Indian patterns, was designed by Molly Siple.

collection, following Indian motifs closely. That first group was hand-stitched by the Indians. Now, a new collection is out, designed by Molly Siple, again after the Indian patterns. These polyester/cotton spreads and pillows are presently machine-stitched to reduce the price of the finished articles. Tract is now employing more than 600 people in South Dakota, both Indians and other low-income residents. The designs are available at stores across the country, among them: Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue, New York; Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D.C. and branches; Dayton's, Minneapolis; Marshall Field, Chicago; J.W. Robinson, Los Angeles.

—ANNE OGDEN

address book

With the first frost, thoughts turn to cozy fireplaces, the pleasures of traditional holidays and spur-of-the-moment gatherings—a time of just "being at home." A well-groomed house adds to enjoyment and comfort. This month's addresses are especially devoted to both these particular objectives.

If you are the proud possessor of a fine painting, take a good look at it. Even though you are not as unfortunate as one reader whose portrait was punctured in moving, other ills can cause its deterioration. Buildup of dulling varnish, hanging over heat, air pollution, all raise havoc. Robert Fieux, artist/conservator and associate of the International Institute for Preservation of Historical and Artistic Works, warns that many fine paintings have been carelessly treated or incorrectly restored through destructive techniques. His method uses a vacuum hot table enabling the relining of a painting under controlled heat and vacuum with a wax-resin adhesive that impregnates the entire structure, preventing it from further deterioration. Fieux will send you illustrated instructions for preparing a packing case for shipment of a painting without frame. Location is Cedar Street, W. Barnstable, Mass. 02668. Estimate given upon receipt of work of art.

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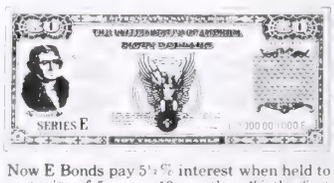
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Then there was the lady who liked her kitchen wallpaper so much she wanted more of the same in her new house. Although the pattern is discontinued, The Wallpaper Store, 449 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10011, will try to match it if she is able to produce a sample. To choose new papers without legwork, you may request a selection (not catalogs), which will be sent for a fee. A large selection of fine wallcoverings and papers from discontinued lines is available at reduced prices at The Wallpaper Store.

The Address Book Directory was completed in the October issue. Reprints in pamphlet form are now available for 50 cents from HB, room 957, New York City 10022. We now resume the regular column. Clip each as it appears, so that you may add new sources to the Directory.—JEAN BAKER

beauty

We were seven when we found out there was no Santa Claus. We were devastated, not only because a bubble had burst but we felt foolish. Were they laughing at our notes to Santa Claus, snickering behind our back and giggling at our childlike naiveté? The hard facts were that our parents bought our presents and sneaked them in through the front door. No one came down the chimney—not a soul. Since one eventually recovers and picks up the pieces, we have since *hinted* or *asked* and in our more desperate moments fantasized that there was a Santa Claus and he would bring us whatever we wanted. (We have no chimney, but he—or any gallant gentleman, for that matter—would be welcome at the door—where we have a welcome mat, just in case.)

So should Santa Claus exist (and even though he doesn't), the time has come to put away our self-preserving wrinkle creams while we anticipate the arrival of Christmas. If we could prowl through Santa Claus' bulging pouch—bulging, of course, with what's in it for us—we had better be able to see in detail all the things that are in it. A sober, functional thought: We who wear contact lenses will find the prowl easier if we use a special wetting solution to help the lenses adapt to our greedy eyes. The Visalens wetting solution is an antiseptic, lubricating formula that forms a clear film on the lenses, increasing both wearing time and comfort. A companion product, Visalens Soaking Cleaning Solution, is used on the lenses when they are lying idle.

Santa Claus, would you please give us a lovely gift that will not fit into the stocking we still hang so hopefully by our fake firep'ace? It's our hair, of course, that must be dealt with year round. Would you give us Braun's new hood hair dryer that's small, compact and even cute? It's as portable as a mini-dryer, yet it has the drying capacity of a hard-hat dryer. And *quiet*! The hood, we know, has perforations, so you can use a telephone while drying. And the 15-foot cord lets you get to the phone and talk without irritating the listener at the other end. It's comfortable, since there's no binding elastic. It's only 11 ounces, and comes with an orange tote bag. We would like one very much. Will someone pay heed to this request?

We go through stages where we just don't ever curl our hair at all, so for these times we'd like Sunbeam's "Tangle Free" comb. Gently and automatically, it untangles wet or dry hair. It will bring an end to a life of struggle with snarls and tangles. Reciprocating combs slide easily through hair, taking tangles out like magic. It has a long eight-foot cord, comes in gold color, packed in a beautiful luggage-type case should we ever be asked to jet away to a glamorous island.

Enigma! That's us (we think), and it's also the name of Alexandra de Markoff's new fragrance. We will find that Enigma affects our edgy psyche, wraps us, of all people, in a haunting aura, expressing everything that we are. We will, she swears, evoke many moods, spirits, memories. We will exude femininity, elegance, sophistication. Won't we? Enigma nuances begin with Body Bath Perfume, then a pampering Body Splash. Then perfume. We will be utterly irresistible!

Pandora? She's the Greek girl who opened the little box and so let out all the world's troubles. It (*Continued*)



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was curiosity that made her do it and curiosity that plagues lovers of tiny boxes. Estée Lauder has for box lovers exquisite reproductions of the famed 18th-century Battersea boxes, these delightful mementos that recapture a charming custom of the 1750s when it was fashionable for ladies and gentlemen to collect and display those tiny boxes. There's the Heirloom Creme de Sachet in a one-ounce jar, $8.50; the Solid Perfume Memento, $8.50 and the Solid Perfume Heirloom, $15. The tops of the boxes are engraved with thoughts that could make even a Ms. melt. "You are witty and pretty," "Love the giver," etc.

Since they who are innocent of avarice are apt to say it is more blessed to give than to receive, let us turn less enthusiastically to giving. A man who travels might like a Monsieur Lanvin Travel Kit, which carries his fragrance and grooming collection over land and sea. Monsieur Lanvin Cologne, After Shave Lotion and Shave Gel all packaged in a blue travel kit. Two ounces of each are only $5.

Back to us! (We love to receive and find it infinitely more blessed.) We would like Lanvin's luxurious Christmas set in our two favorite fragrances: Hand Soap, Dusting Powder, Eau Arpege or Eau My Sin and Lanvinette flacon of real perfume. A very merry bargain for the giver—$8 in either Arpege or My Sin—and worth a gain for our enhancement quotient.

Again, a thought to giving. We imagine a recipient would like any of these from Estée Lauder's Youth Dew Jeweler's Collection. A Full Moon Perfume Necklace, $15. A Flowering Tangerine Compact, $10. The Carved Crescent Perfume Necklace, $12.50. All filled with Youth Dew Solid Perfume.

In Estée Lauder's Art Nouveau Ceramic Collection, the exciting swirled ceramics in Art Nouveau patterns look lovely in a bathroom or a dressing room. Youth Dew Milk Bath, $15; Bath Crystals, $15; Dusting Powder, $12.50 and Fragrance Candle with ceramic holder, $8.50.

There is probably nothing that Revlon offers that we wouldn't want for ourself—but neither would we resent giving any of these gifts. A quick listing does not do them justice, but it does reveal the provocative choice for men and women, for you and us. Royal Pub—a crisp, savvy scent—with muscle. The kind of fragrance men will relate to immediately. Available in only two select items—Cologne and After Shave. Take a peek at the elegant decanters that look like etched crystal with an embossed blue-and-gold crest—the effect so subtle it shouts luxury. Six-ounce Cologne, $8; six-ounce After Shave, $7. The four-ounce sizes are in designer-styled flasks. Simple yet sumptuous. Cologne, $6; After Shave, $5.

For us who don't like shiny faces and still wear pressed powder, a splendid assortment of cases: Dress Circle, brilliant gold-tone basketry that carries a welcome touch-up of Ultima II Pressed Powder, $7. Or Promenade, a beautiful way to keep powder at hand in a delicate herringbone pattern, $10; La Scala (worthy of an encore)—this handsome gold-tone oval, inlaid with black enamel, $15. Grand Tier, an oval of opulent black enamel, ribboned with a gold-tone inlay, $17.50.

The basketrie, a most desirable collection of Ultima, varied and rich, in an irresistible basket that becomes the perfect tissue box. Body Velvet, Enriched Milk Bath, Perfume Oil roll-on for the purse, Eau de Parfum and Eau de Parfum Spray, $14.50.

On to manicure and implement sets: Duchesse, beautifully encased manicuring basics, $22.50. Sovereign, in a luxuriously elegant suede manicure envelope, $28.50. Royal Travel, everything you need away from home, $9.25.—SUE NIRENBERG

antiques

In the mid-1870s (when a shave and a haircut was two bits), barber shops across the country were the scene of a new trend—the "occupational" shaving mug. As American a phenomenon as the Wild West or the Gibson Girl, the rage for owning these hand-painted mugs was shared by men in every trade—sheep farmer and iceman alike. Regarded as a valid American folk art, the occupational shaving *(Continued)*



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mugs are now prized collector's items. Originally, the mug was obtained by a local barber for a "regular" customer, the order for it placed with one of the half-dozen existing barber supply houses. Along with their usual listings, barber supply catalogs included a special section on mugs, illustrated with representations of a man's trade. *(Above, three examples of the porcelain mug: lathe operator, iceman and farmer.)* When annual catalogs became outdated, companies issued "mug sheets"—poster-sized supplements with additional illustrations. The barber's cost for the custom-painted mugs ranged from 75 cents to $2.25. And his customers paid approximately $5 to $10 for the pictorial symbol of their pride in trade. (Of all professions, the butcher ranked highest in mug orders. The undertaker, the rarest.) ***These mugs were obtained*** purposely for daily use in barber shops and, always on shelf display, their appeal attracted more and more buyers. Eventually, the demand for them was great enough so that a few more barber supply companies sprang up with mug-decorating departments. (China-decorating companies, too, quickly entered this lucrative new field.) The quality of the mug itself varied by composition—an average grade was an American-made semi-pottery; the finest quality, Limoges or other fine porcelain imported from Europe. The miniature pictures were painted by full-time mug decorators who were famous for their high degree of skill and creativity. (Curt Grimm, employed by the Koken Barbers' Supply Co. in St. Louis, and J.R. Voldan of Herold Brothers, a Cleveland firm, were two.) Unusual occupations were painted directly on the mug from a photograph or description; the more common, painted by hand after the outline of the design was imprinted on the mug by an engraved plate. *(Above, three rare mugs—for undertaker, oilman and billiard parlor operator.)* Many of the *(Continued)*







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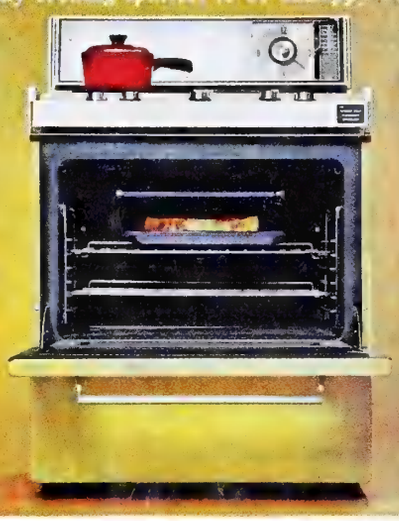
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19th-century politicos were known to have favored a variation of the occupational mug. Instead of the usual painting, many of them requested a photograph of themselves to be developed on the mug's surface. Social change eventually forced the occupational mug into artistic obsolescence: Health authorities believed the mugs an unsanitary practice; Sunday curfews closed barber shops; in 1903, the introduction of the safety razor allowed more men to shave themselves and the 10-cent shave rose in price. By the early 1920s, the mug was history. Prices for the mugs now range from $65-$250. Skillful fakes have found their way to the market. Collector Richard Snow advises: "Look for the letter 'K' on the bottom of the mug. That means made in Japan." All of the mugs shown on these two pages are from the extensive collection of Richard Snow.
—CONSTANCE BOGEN

housekeeping

This holiday season, we vote for less housework, less scrubbing and less hard cleaning. There are easier ways to keep a house clean and shining for family and guests. And here they are—a variety of new cleaning aids, all aimed at cutting work time. The good news: They really do.

For dingy walls and finger-marked woodwork, there's Big Wally by Johnson Wax. Applied directly from its aerosol container to any washable papered or painted surface, foam does the trick. As it's wiped away with a sponge or cloth, dirt vanishes with the foam. And it does not leave streaks.

A new rug-cleaning kit with a stand-up shampoo applicator can be helpful in freshening areas of a rug or carpet where heavy traffic has left its toll. This Bissell kit provides enough Wall-to-Wall shampoo to clean two 8 by 10-foot rugs. Also included is a Spot-Away Foam for emergency treatment for a spilled drink or a greasy tidbit dropped on the rug. Quick action can prevent stains from setting your rugs.

If floor coverings or upholstered furniture are badly soiled, your best bet is to get professional help. Nationally reputable specialists can clean rugs and upholstery right in your home and do the job in surprisingly short time. Among the experts in this field is Duraclean AAA Service. Another is Servicemaster which has a "Fiber-Fresh-15" preventive care and corrective care service to cope with such problems.

One of the problems with vinyl floors that are waxed from time to time is the build-up that must eventually be removed. Bissell now has an aerosol wax remover and cleaner that cleans the floor slick as a whistle. The secret is its foamy action that penetrates and loosens any film so that the wax, acrylic or polymer finish can be quickly removed with a dampened sponge mop. It works equally well on vinyl, asphalt, rubber, linoleum and most other composition floors.

Another time-saving foam cleaner is Hagerty's Bathroom Clean and Shine. You can use it on tile, porcelain, chrome and glass and as you wipe it away, your bath turns shiny-clean.

Oil-finished furniture and wood paneling has a new guardian in Goddard's Low-Lustre cleaner. It takes just one cloth and one go-over to clean and renew the patina of oil-finished surfaces throughout the home.

Now is the season when silver comes into its own. Nothing adds more beauty to a festive table than its shining glimmer. And never before has it been so easy to keep silver bright and clean. You can slip on Hagerty's new Silversmith Gloves saturated with a dry polish and wipe away tarnish while your hands stay dry and clean. The Silver Spray used on clean silver is a protection against tarnish buildup, and then by merely wiping each piece with the gloves every two to six weeks, your silver maintains its lovely sheen. When the gloves are soiled, they can be washed and restored by the addition of dry polish.

Don't overlook the convenience of the all-purpose Wonder Cloths that come in pretty, bright colors to suit your cleaning mood. Their uses are unlimited for anything from scouring and scrubbing to oiling and polishing and you can pop dirty ones into the washing machine to be reused.

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Speaking of cleaning aids, what would we do without the convenience of paper towels and other household paper products? Have you seen the new Viva towels that are bordered in decorative flower designs in garden colors of peach and blue and a soft green? Don't worry about the effect of colors on the environment. Researchers have found that the dyes are not toxic and since they degrade and decompose harmlessly, they do not contribute to pollution problems.

One of the little extra chores about rehanging draperies after dry cleaning is straightening wrinkled pleats so that fabrics hang properly. The chore of pressing them into place has been eliminated by the introduction of Jet Press, a new wrinkle remover by Conso Products. It comes in a 16-ounce aerosol spray can and removes wrinkles in a jiffy by temporarily softening the finish of fabric so that pleats may be shaped as you wish. This makes an ideal "portable valet" for freshening clothing that's been packed.
—NANCY CRAIG

building

Looking for deep, rich shimmering colors in ceramic wall tile? And you can't find them? Look no more. American Olean Tile Co. now has eight colors as vivid as you could ask for and all marvelously effective as a feature wall in a foyer, kitchen or bath. The firm's new collection is called Caribbean; the colors are red, yellow, green, blue and two shades of orange, plus black and white. The tiles are rectangular, 3 inches by 6⅞ inches. For more data, write the company at Lansdale, Pa. 19446.

All you'd ever want to know about ladders is neatly wrapped up in an 18-page text-and-sketch booklet published by the General Services Administration. *Ladders* is the title; price is 45 cents per copy and the source, Consumer Products Information, Washington, D.C. 20407. This is the fifth booklet in a GSA series "responding to President Nixon's directive to share Federal product information with consumers." The other four booklets are still available from the same address: *Automobile Batteries* (40 cents); *Fire Extinguishers* (40 cents); *Vacuum Cleaners* (40 cents); and *Paint and Painting* (60 cents). More is on the way, GSA reports.

East Europeans got a taste of vacation-life-USA this past September. Those who attended the Zagreb Trade Fair in Yugoslavia saw, walked through, knocked on the walls of and climbed the stairs of a modified A-frame vacation cottage manufactured by Lindal Cedar Homes of Seattle, Wash. The precut cedar home was featured in the U.S. Pavilion.

Anyone for international moldings? A Texas company now offers decorative molding from Italy made of Indonesian lumber. Shipped by Dutch freighters, perhaps? Rather attractive moldings and all are prefinished. From about $2 up for 6½-foot lengths. The brand is Woodmark; the firm, Woodmark Co., P.O. Box 1179, Richardson, Tex. 75080.

Self-stick floor tiles came on strong three years ago. No-wax floor coverings appeared about the same time. Now Armstrong has combined these two advances in one product—a no-wax, self-stick floor tile. The name is Solarian Place 'n Press; the pattern is a random chip and colors include beige, gold, blue and green plus white. Price is slightly over $1 per square foot not including installation.

Drive into your garage at night, switch off the lights and you're surrounded by dark. Now open the car door, step out and grope your way to the door. Ooops! Watch out for the garden hose. Ouch! That was the wheelbarrow. And so on. Three solutions: Leave the garage lights on; always carry a flashlight or buy an electronic garage light tripper. The third item is new and could prove a worthy investment. As you drive into your garage, the beam from your car headlights activates the tripper and your garage lights go on. After about two minutes, another mechanism in the unit flips off the garage lights. This is plenty of time to allow you to get out and (*Continued*)

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Things continue to be easier (though it may not seem so at the time) as arrangements have them talking with sympathetic friends, reflecting upon moments shared, giving testimony to the life that was lived on earth.

Another thing the funeral does — whether the choice is made for a traditional, a contemporary or a humanist service — is to reaffirm the faith, the creed, or philosophy by which one's life was guided.

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—JOHN H. INGERSOLL

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Five ugly open-burning dumps and some 40 roadside litter piles had long been afflicting Cambridge, Md., (pop. 12,000) and surrounding areas in Dorchester County. The garbage heaps generated obnoxious odors, fed and sheltered rats and other pests and blighted the landscape.

Early last year the community, prompted by irate homeowners, sprang into action to eliminate the eyesores. A public campaign was launched explaining the need for drastic change. County commissioners helped put through a $100,000 bond issue for new land acquisition and equipment to operate sanitary landfills, a major innovation in solid waste disposal. Health officials, the planning and zoning office, the highway department and other local agencies teamed up to pick the right sites, test the soil and water tables. Result: This year, Cambridge has three sanitary landfills for the area's rubbish.

What's a sanitary landfill system? After a wide trench has been excavated on empty land, it's filled with garbage that is spread and mashed down with a bulldozer. Then, every day or two, the wastes are covered with layers of earth. When one trench is fully covered, another is dug alongside it. The garbage decomposes underground, without harming the land or community. Finally, the surface is seeded.

Each of the three sites in Cambridge covers about 25 acres. One has an anticipated "life" of 10 years and two are expected to last for 20 years. Eventually, officials will use additional acreage, available some nine miles from Cambridge.

According to the U.S. Public Health Service, the system is rodent-proof and odorless; water supplies—both surface and ground—are not affected. In Cambridge, the landfill sites will be converted to wildlife preserves or farm use. Elsewhere, similar landfills have been turned into parks and recreation facilities.

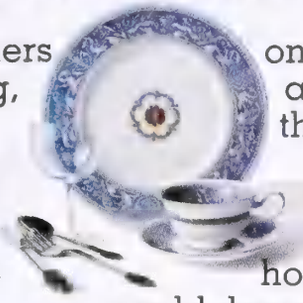
Cambridge's experience is only one example of what's happening in many parts of the nation. The problem is widespread: More than 70,000 open-burning dumps are still maintained. Called the Third Pollution, they are unnecessary, disgraceful and an insult to homeowners and the environment. Two years ago, the Environmental Protection Agency initiated "Mission 5,000" to close at least that many open dumps and substitute sanitary landfills. The federal role is to provide technical aid to state and local officials. Thus far, some 1,500 towns and cities in the nation have cooperated.

The job of closing an open wasteyard usually falls to local governments. Field reports indicate that many are acting on their own initiative, using their own resources and sometimes showing a dash of ingenuity. Here's how some of them have effectively tackled their problems:

- The city of Buckhannon, W. Va., (pop. 7,200) took over a 15-acre tract of a former strip mine for a sanitary landfill. Previously the city had, by ordinance, created a special waste collection board, which issued revenue bonds for $50,000. This was used to buy out an existing garbage pickup company and acquire additional equipment.
- Humphreys County (pop. 13,000) in central Tennessee was faced with separate open-burning dumps in three towns. Many people didn't bother with them, using the roadside to dispose of all kinds of trash. So the county court appointed a study committee to assess the serious problems. The story was told to the public in newspapers, on radio broadcasts and through local service clubs. Blowup pictures of grim scenes were shown at the county fair to shocked citizens.

Then the court set up a county board of sanitation and authorized $100,000 for a new system. (*Continued*)

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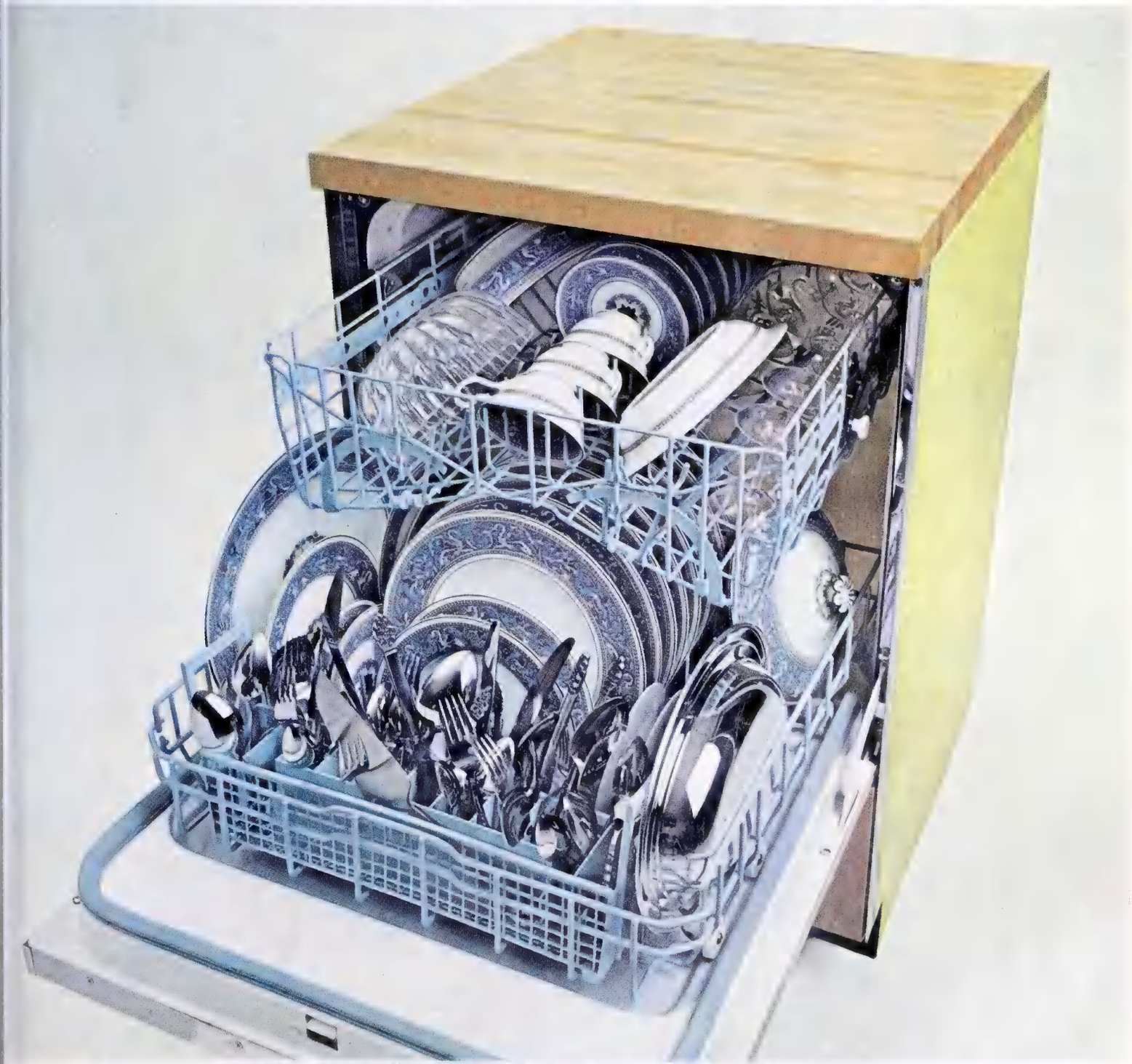
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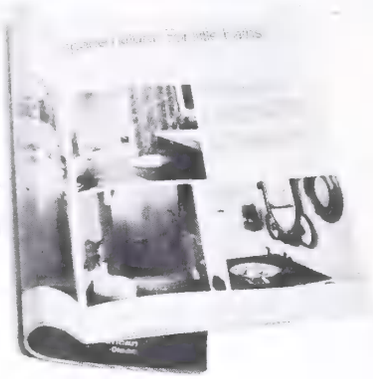
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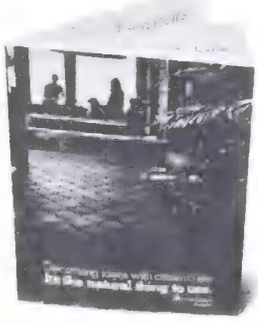
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(The container plan was first used in Chilton County, Ala., in a demonstration project supported by federal funds.)

▪ What if a community can't afford to finance a new system? Rogers, Ark., realized its open dump, polluting nearby streams, was not acceptable as a sanitary landfill. Buying new land and necessary equipment called for larger expenditures than the town could manage. Instead, Rogers hired a private contractor who found a new site for a landfill. The old dump was then abandoned. Now all residents, who have to use the service, pay a $2-a-month fee (up from $1.75) for a once-a-week collection.

• A variation of the landfill concept is the garbage "mountain." In Du Page County, Ill., the solid wastes of local municipalities went into building a ski slope. Covering earth came from a huge hole that became a lake.

▪ Suppose people keep throwing trash into an empty lot? Middletown, N.J., now has a special patrolman, called an environmental control officer, who has the authority to lock up anyone with bad environmental manners.

▪ What recourse is open if local officials fail to act? When nothing was done to eliminate illegal garbage dumps, the Georgia Health Department brought a lawsuit against the city of Social Circle and Walter County. Last November the Superior Court found the county and city "derelict in their responsibilities under the public health regulations and laws of the state."

Both were ordered to develop sanitary landfills in Social Circle, with the county specifically charged with preparing the landfill and the city with its day-to-day maintenance. If the Georgia Supreme Court upholds the decision, this may well turn out to be a landmark for all states. It would compel close cooperation between city and county governments in meeting public health needs on the open dumps problem.

Public reaction to landfills that replace open dumps has generally followed a pattern. In Rogers, Ark., for instance, opposition was high before operations began and during the early stages. Old habits are slow to change. But once people saw the relatively clean, nuisance-free landfills, opposition faded.

Around Los Angeles, where the city had staged a shrewd public relations campaign, citizen grumbling was slight even when landfills sprang up near homes. In fact, when suburban developers built homes overlooking a landfill, the houses sold fast, the buyers realizing that eventually there would be a park or something else just as pleasant.

If your community needs help, contact the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency or write the EPA, Bureau of Solid Waste Management, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852.

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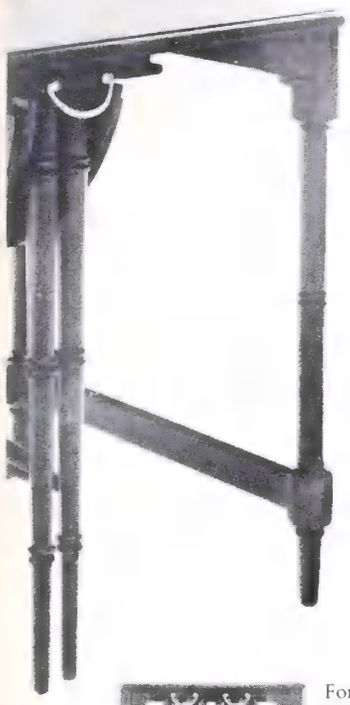
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Brand's searches for the meanings of the lyrics have taken him into forgotten archives and offbeat sources. Scholarly historians are sure to disagree with some of Brand's new insights into our past and some will simply ignore him, but for anyone who loves the byways of history and the songs that bring it to life, this book is a treasure. The publisher is M.Evans and Co., New York; $10 at local bookstores.

Since the days when advertisements promised to teach you piano in five easy lessons, gimmicks for learning keyboard virtuosity have been legion. In recent years there have been genuine strides in keyboard teaching techniques. Our September issue reported on the progress of Dr. Robert Pace's renowned group piano classes.

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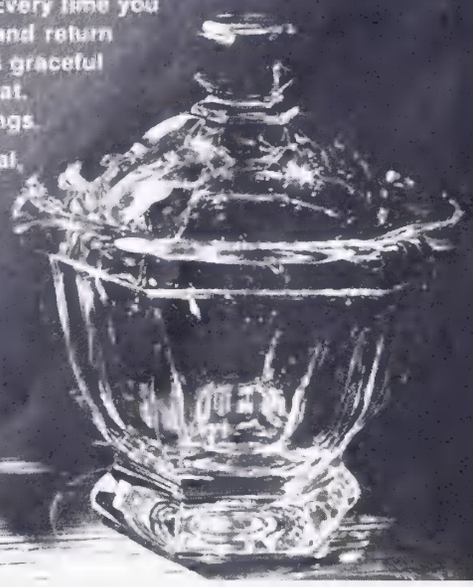
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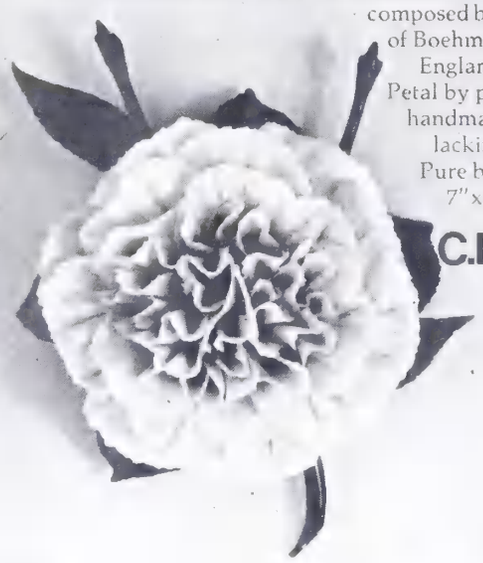
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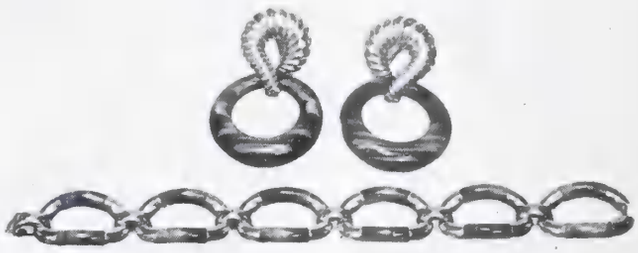


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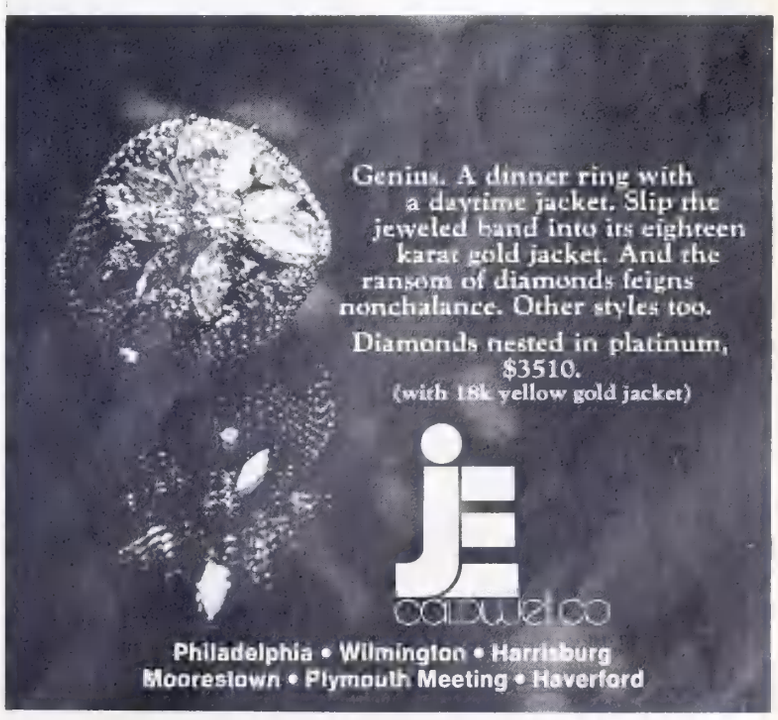




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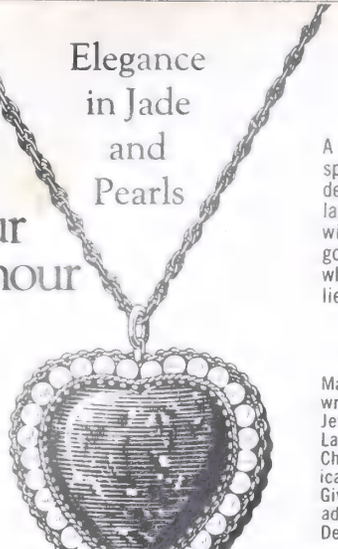
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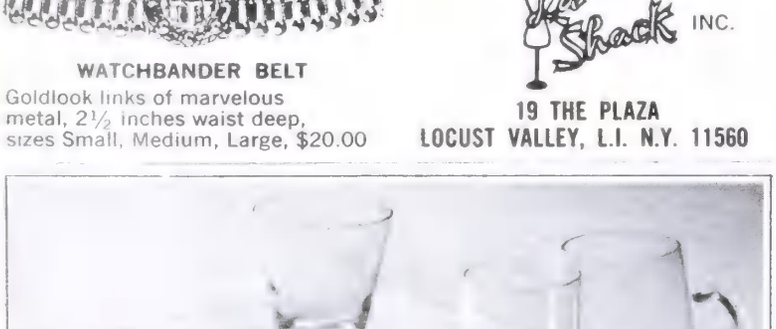
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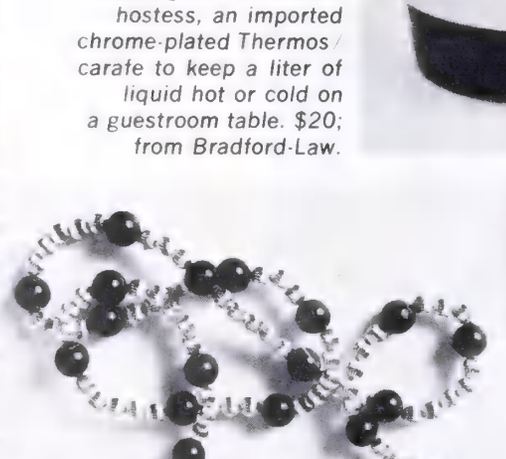
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By BRUCE DAVID COLEN ☐ It does not have the purity of a Rochefoucault saying, but an aphorism occurred to me recently that sums up the whole business of having the interiors of a house repainted: *You can't have a heavenly house unless you go through a little hell.* More precisely, this thought came to mind during the 16th day of forced occupation by a troop of house painters whose commander had promised us, "We'll be in and out in a week." Perhaps it was my fault not to have asked which week.

They arrived on a Monday and spent the day getting adjusted to their new environment, a one-story, 12-room house. Those initial 7½ hours were passed in covering all our earthly possessions with big drop cloths, the dirtiest of which were saved for my wife's hand-embroidered chairs and sofa.

A whole day to accomplish this task of permanently hiding everything from shoes to telephone to beds is really not excessive when one stops to realize that the gentlemen had to debate each item's esthetic and monetary worth. The evaluation of a Calder mobile presented the biggest problem, until one of the group suggested they settle for its scrap metal value.

Tuesday was a holiday.

On Wednesday morning, the contractor called at 6:30 to tell us that we did not have to bother getting up early because his men would not be there. They had some retouching to do on their last job.

Thursday the painters began to begin. The first hour was spent changing into overalls, being served coffee, playing with the dogs and hunting under the canvas for their paint. Once the cans were located, there was one final attempt at getting us to change our minds about wanting everything dead white. "We hate that color, lady, it shows the brush marks most."

On the theory that we could always eat out but a place was needed to hide and rest from the invaders, we asked that the kitchen be done first, the bedroom last. Neither was touched. There wasn't time, after they completed both bathrooms and the powder room.

Dirtier but wiser, we got up Friday morning to a sit-down strike. A jurisdictional dispute had arisen as to whether an apprentice in the crew had the right to mix the white. By the time the union steward had been located, crossed my picket line and handed down a decision, it was time for lunch. That afternoon, in anticipation of the weekend, the kitchen was left at our disposal under a 48-hour-drying coat of enamel.

But the most exquisite torture was not visual or tactile but auditory. I am convinced that when every house painter finishes trade school, his diploma is wrapped around a transistor radio with the volume button permanently set at high. He can go to work brushless and paintless and ladderless, to boot, but never without his blaring black box.

Our three painters divided their work so that no area of the house was free of the stapes-shattering sound. Each had a different station tuned in. I am quite certain that painters know about a secret third frequency other than AM and FM, where their own special brand of super-psychedelic music can be heard. And I know I have never been able to get double-header baseball games on our radio in the morning. Of course, when I asked the gentlemen to turn down their sets, each legitimately claimed deafness.

A friend of ours who lives on the beach at Malibu reached that glorious moment when the painters turned off their transistors for the last time and headed home, not to return for another three or four years. As the last one left, he turned to Cynthia and asked, "Lady, how can you stand the sound of those waves all day? It sure would drive me nuts."

Now that our own siege by the men in white has been lifted, now that Music To Paint By and turpentine fumes are waffed memories, we ask ourselves was it worth it? Glancing at those gleaming walls, unscuffed baseboards and switchplates that no longer look like a police blotter, the answer has got to be a whispered "yes." Not because we loved it any more than we do a visit to the dentist, but in both cases it was nice to have a professional around. Or, to put it another way, I'd rather complain than to do it myself. ■



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Budget antiquing

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By JOHN REDFIELD ☐ The secret to antiquing on a limited budget is not hard to learn, but it does take work and practice. I am a student and my wife is a secretary. After the rent and bills are paid, our income does not allow us to buy high-priced items. But by being determined collectors, we have acquired many small, handsome items—both antiques (100 years old) and charming pieces of Americana of later years—and until recently we had never paid more than $25 for any single one.

When we first began buying furniture, we decided collecting antiques would supply us with a hobby as well as furnishings. Books from the public library started our education and we went to a few antique shops. When we saw the prices most shops were asking, our new hobby nearly ended there. But one Sunday afternoon while driving home from a Red Sox game, we decided to visit a shop where we had never before stopped. As we were leaving, my wife spotted some badly weathered furniture piled out back. On top of the heap of junk was one chair that immediately caught our eye. We did not recognize it as an American Empire chair but we were impressed enough to want it. The dealer said she would like $7 for it. She didn't think the chair was too old and guessed it was made after the Civil War.

While waiting for dinner, I thumbed through a copy of Thomas Ormsbee's *Field Guide to Early American Furniture*—and found a drawing of the chair we had bought that afternoon. Beginner's luck had caused us to stumble onto a vase splat Empire chair made around 1825. It was mahogany with beautiful crotch grain veneer and needed only to have its slipper seat reupholstered. We were immediately hooked and have since settled down to being dedicated antiquers.

Several weeks later, we attended a yard sale in a small town. The woman was a typical New Englander cleaning out the accumulation of her attic. Hidden by many newer items was a rocking chair. We queried, and the woman, honest but as naive as we, thought it might be a Shaker rocker, for which she was asking $10. For another dollar, we bought an accompanying cricket. The chair turned out to be a Boston rocker, and the cricket, although Victorian, was skillfully handmade, with pegged morticed joints.

Twice we had been lucky. But before we did any more buying, we decided to undertake an intensive self-taught course in American antiques. We made weekly trips to the library and systematically read all the books we could find dealing with the subject; we became members of Old Sturbridge Village and visited regularly, and we studied the Early American furniture at the Worcester, Mass., Historical Society and the Worcester Art Museum. And we still visited antique shops. Rarely did we meet dealers who refused to answer us, no matter how foolish our questions.

After several months, we felt confident enough to try our hand at buying again. At a PTA auction we found a Hitchcock chair. We waited all afternoon for it to be put up for bids. It was one of the few antiques sold and there was little interest, s we bought it for $6.50. We wer lucky again, as we have sinc found out that small auction often attract other antiquer with more money than we.

The secret of attending auc tions is to go to many. When a item goes higher than the buc get allows, the low-income an tiquer must let it pass. But b going regularly, he picks up fair share of surprises. At fashionable women's club auc tion, my wife bought a marke brass candlestick for $1.50. was the first item sold and mos other buyers were still inspec ing the collection, completel oblivious to what the auctionee had on the block. Of course once the selling was in fu swing, my wife could not eve afford the opening bids.

Antiquing is not like shop ping for modern furnishings. W cannot go to a shop and expec to find what we want. We hav to hunt and if we expect t make finds, it is necessary t develop an eye for the antiqu —and to keep this eye for th antique alert at all times.

One day, while in a Junio League thrift shop, my wif bought a tin plum puddin mold, marked "Kreamer," fo 35 cents. I once spotted a tabl



I recognized as a country Pembroke in back of a used-bookshop. The shopkeeper told me it had come from an old Ashburnham, Mass., home. Almost apologetically, he sold me the table for $15, remarking that it was a very old table. It is also a very interesting one in that the top is maple while the legs are pine. In an old dump, we found a brass kerosene lamp bearing the inscription "Pat. Dec. 10, 67." All it needed to be restored to its former beauty was a new chimney and polishing. ***We do buy at shops,*** but we now know that many places have nice antiques that need restoration or refinishing and hence are stored in a back room or shed. Dealers are not at all unhappy to sell these pieces, for they tie up both capital and space. Our washstand, bought for $3, had been in the dealer's barn, covered with so many coats of paint it had to be soaked in a vat of lye for three days and blasted with water from a garden hose to strip it. Underneath was a beautifully grained pine. The drawer bottom bears jack plane tracks and has chamfered edges indicating handwork by a cabinetmaker rather than later factory production. I had to replace the splash board and towel racks, but soaking the new wood in lye colored these additions the same as the rest of the piece.

A country Sheraton lampstand was discovered in another dealer's shed—again, covered with a thick coat of gaudy red paint. We were delighted to strip it and find black walnut legs in a deep chocolate color and a very beautiful bird's eye maple drawer front.

One of the most handsome arrowbacks I have seen cost the labor and the time it took to refinish and recane two late Empire chairs. The Windsor was in front of a friend's shop when a passing porcupine decided to taste a rung one day. So our friend, in an even swap, traded his damaged chair for our two refinished ones—their value now considerably increased by the work I had done on them. Of course, I still had to sand out the teeth marks and refinish the rung, but in dollars and cents, the Windsor cost only the $6 that I had paid for our two factory chairs. The lesson is: Time put into an antique does not decrease the checkbook balance.

Antiquing now fills our spare time. We know we cannot buy often and that for every antique we find, we will have spent many hours and traveled many miles. But we enjoy ourselves and instead of going to the theater, we hunt for treasures. ***Our apartment*** contains numerous other finds, all purchased according to what we call our four-part formula for antique-collectors: (1) Be devoted to antiquing; bargain finds only happen with regularity when the hunter is dedicated. (2) Know antiques; a naïve hunter is at the mercy of the unscrupulous. And there is a bonus in that learning and sharing knowledge are a lot of fun. (3) Develop a sharp eye; antiques are not all at auctions or in shops. (4) Be willing to do refinishing and restoration. Antiques in fine condition command fine prices, and paying the price of having someone else refinish a piece removes any savings made on a good buy. The more the antiquer can do, the cheaper his treasures. ***Of course, antiques*** do need care from time to time. Joints do come unglued and caned seats wear out. The collector is better off if he can do the maintenance. With care, antiques do last. Look at the years of use behind them, often several generations of children plus, for many pieces, being demoted to jobs they were not intended to do. If they can withstand all that, they will surely be here for today's collector to leave to his grandchildren. ■

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The welcoming ring

—individual napkin rings say you belong

By LOUISE PURWIN ZOBEL □ Our oldest daughter's fiancé explored his red felt Christmas stocking. When he came to a circle wrapped in black tissue paper, our daughter, Lennie, noticeably held her breath. He tore away the paper. Then the two of them exploded simultaneously, "Oooohhhh, thank you!" It was a silver napkin ring engraved with his initials.

Lennie grinned. "Guess that means there's a matching one in my stocking. With my initials —the way they're *going* to be!"

I nodded. "But I'm not sure you should thank me," I said. "Sometimes brides like you with full-time jobs don't want to bother with napkin rings."

Lennie looked up, a puzzled expression in her wide blue eyes. "What else would we use?" she wanted to know.

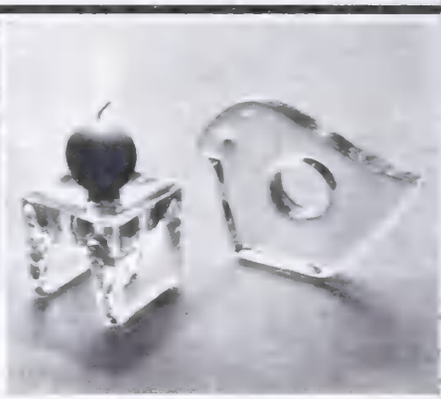
Over her head, her father and I exchanged smiles. We knew what she meant. Nothing spells "home" like napkin rings.

I remember myself, as a child, coming back from a visit or as a Girl Scout returning from camp, rejoicing in the snug, familiar look of my accustomed place at the family table. How did I know where I belonged? There was my napkin ring waiting right at my place.

When our own wartime marriage began in a converted henhouse near the Navy base, we ate at a rickety card table. But the gleam of our napkin rings bounced off the whitewashed wall of the makeshift kitchen. Perhaps I set the rickety table with real napkins because wartime shortages prevented me from buying paper ones. Or maybe I thought the gracious touch might camouflage the ineptness of my bridal cooking. I don't remember. All I remember is the homelike atmosphere of that henhouse kitchen.

Today, many nostalgically inclined Americans are rediscovering napkin rings. Some families welcome everyone to the same place for each meal. My neighbor does it that way. Last year, when she hosted an Italian exchange student for the school term, she put a leaf in her table and ordered a napkin ring engraved "Vittorio." Recently she read me part of his letter from home: "It is late afternoon in Milan. So it must be breakfast time in California. You will sit around the table; then you will unfold the napkins from your napkin rings and let the day begin. Always for (*Continued*)

Though the thought is traditional, napkin rings can express any design preference. At right: a so-modern Juhava glass holder that also holds an individual candle (left) and a bird-shaped Pukeborg glass ring.





At left: To show your own creativity (from the top), needlepoint and découpage napkin rings to work from kits and a holder made out of a handsome Cowrie shell.

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me that moment will be a happy memory of the love and joy of my American family."

Our friend George, on the other hand, says his saddest memories involve mealtimes. He spent an orphaned childhood, shifted around among four sets of cousins. In each household, family members sat in their regular places, their napkin rings in front of them. Only George, the temporary visitor, had no napkin ring. This lack became for him a symbol of the stability and permanence he could not claim for himself.

At our house, when our four children were small, they took turns setting the table. And whoever did the setting was allowed to place the napkin rings. When Grandpa and Grandma came for a three-day visit, the youngsters used to argue among themselves—did sitting between the grandparents at two lunches count the same as sitting there at one dinner?

Grandpa and Grandma, and others who frequently widen our family circle, have their regular rings in our napkin drawer. The drawer also contains a few "extras," and guests who seem likely to join us for many meals —giggly-voiced "best friends," teen-age "steadies," college roommates, select a semipermanent napkin ring from the collection of "extras."

Usually we assign very young visitors a souvenir circlet with animals of the zoo illustrating the alphabet—from aardvark to zebra. We began this custom years ago with a neighbor toddler, eating her first lunch away from her mother. As great homesick tears drifted into her soup, I tried to console her with crackers, with head pats, with sweet talk. She only sobbed harder. So I removed her bib and rolled it in the animal-alphabet ring. "Maybe you'll use this next time you eat here," I said. She stopped crying and grabbed the ring. She traced the outline of the bear, then the monkey, smiled and reached for her soup.

Animal designs on napkin rings are popular in our family. At my grandmother's house, there were several. I remember the Saint Bernard, with the loop around his neck. And the Shetland pony, with the ring through his tail. My favorite was a Siamese kitten held by a storybook kind of girl in a billowing silver skirt, the kitten's forepaws forming a circle for the napkin.

The very first time I remember seeing that one, I was four. Half a dozen grownups in Gram's living room clustered around the radio. Gram "ssshhhed" me as she reached into the sideboard for the full-skirted silver girl. "Here," she whispered, "play with this."

When I tired of sending the girl and her kitten on make-believe missions around the rug, I curled up in Gram's lap. She explained that the radio's cackle came from Paris, where a man named Charles Lindbergh had just finished flying, like a bird, across a big ocean. Then Gram stroked the billowing silver skirt I was clutching. "I always loved this napkin ring," she said. "It was mine when I was a little girl like you."

I jerked up to stare at her incredulously. The wrinkled hands, the white hair, the bifocals—"How could you be a little girl like me?" I asked her in confusion. "You're *Gram*!"

She laughed. "I wasn't always Gram!" She hugged me. "When I got this, I was four years old —like you. See, here's my name on the girl's skirt. She pointed to the spidery letters and spelled them out—"E l i z a b e t h."

Then Gram told me how the napkin ring sat beside her plate for every childhood meal. But she could never unfold the napkin until her mother checked for washed hands and smoothed hair, and she couldn't put her napkin back into the ring until she finished her vegetables.

After that, whenever I ate at Gram's house, the silver girl with the billowing skirt sat beside my plate, her kitten's paws holding my napkin. I remember big family dinners of turkey or roast beef. I remember cozy teatimes, with just Gram and me feasting on ice cream. But, most of all, I remember that day Lindbergh mastered the Atlantic —the day I first knew my grandmother was once a little girl called Elizabeth.

Gram gave me the full-skirted girl with the kitten before she died. Sometimes I use it for a centerpiece. Maybe when I have a granddaughter of my own, I'll let her roll her napkin in the circle of the kitten's paws.

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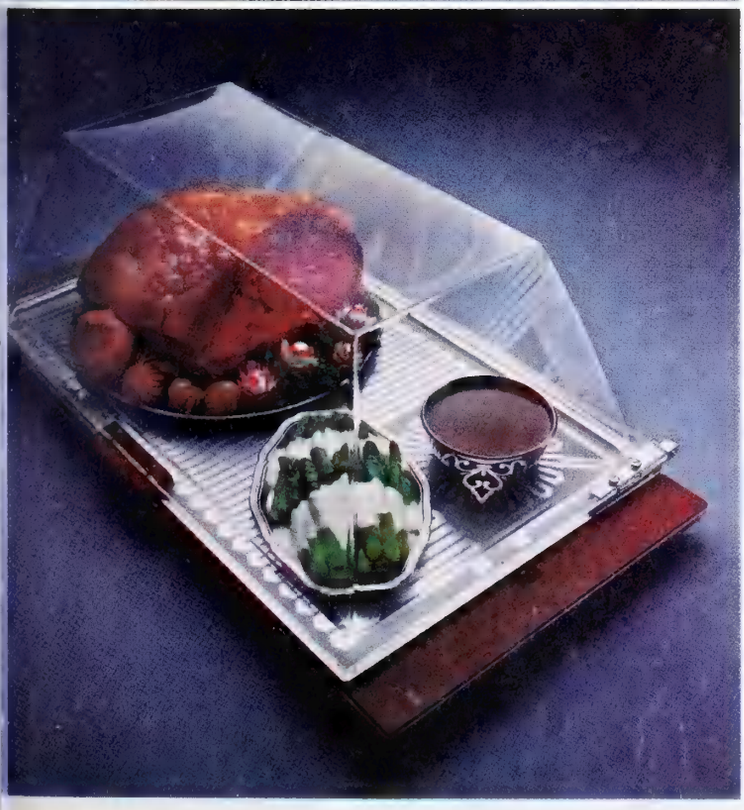
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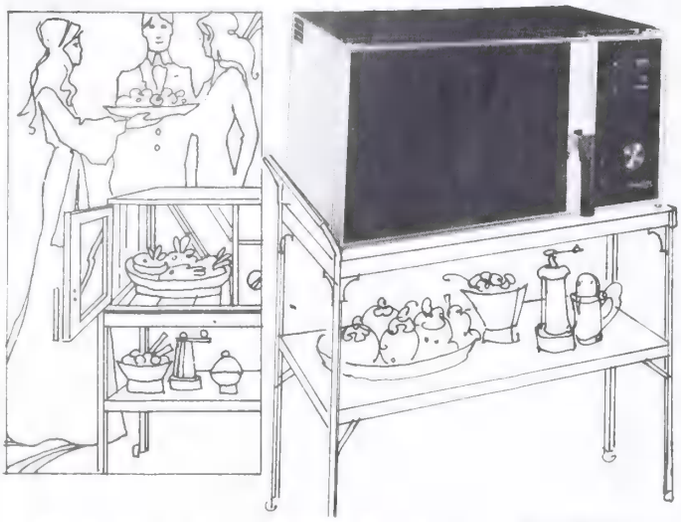
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Of tea and tables

—a nostalgic look at changing etiquette

By SUSAN HOPE SCHRAUB □ Wall-to-wall servants and a constant parade of finger bowls—Emily Post's view of the proper mode of entertaining in 1922 is quaint . . . picturesque . . . nostalgic even to those of us who have never seen a butler. It's a time that comes to mind again with the 50th-anniversary reprinting of her original 1922 *Etiquette* (Funk and Wagnalls, $10). But Emily Post's vision of the house beautiful of 1922 would be the house improbable of today, and nowhere is this reflection of the changes in the times better seen than in a comparison of some of the customs of entertaining—and entertaining customs—of a half-century ago and now.

The cocktail party was not even mentioned in her first book. The idea of large groups of people standing around and chatting and drinking would have appalled the society of those years. Calls were paid, tea was poured, liquor was offered if gentlemen were present, but the word "cocktail" hadn't even been coined yet. Half a century later, her granddaughter-in-law, Elizabeth Post, who writes the modern version of this etiquette guide, calls the cocktail party "the answer to a busy housewife's prayer." With servants or without, before a dinner or by itself, indoors or out, she approves of it as a very versatile way to entertain. (And we are assured that it is perfectly proper for a woman who wants another drink to approach the bar and ask for it herself.)

All of Emily Post's entertaining rules were rigidly laid out. Tea was served precisely at 4 p.m. The menu was definitely limited. "Whatever can come under the head of 'bread and cake' is admissible," she wrote, "but nothing e'se, or it becomes a 'reception,' and not a 'tea.' " Imagine the confusion of the guests who were invited to attend a tea and found themselves at a reception. Imagine the confusion of the hostess.

Clothing was no less regulated. The women who poured the tea, intimate friends of the hostess, "always wear afternoon dresses, with hats, of course." As for dinner, it was generally agreed that only the "quiet" people dined before 8 p.m. Women always wore gloves to formal dinners and didn't take them off until they reached the table. At lunch, however, "Guests may . . . keep their veils on throughout the meal, merely fastening the lower edge up over their noses."

Weekend entertaining at a country house was fashionable. Said Emily Post: "Imagine the budget! A dozen guides, teams and drivers, food for two or three dozen people sent hundreds of miles by express!" House parties are still fashionable—ski weekends, for example. Elizabeth Post comments that "the size of the house party . . . is limited mainly by the number of available beds." But it is best for the hostess who has no help to remember that no matter how many beds she has available, "it is certainly easier to cook, serve and keep the house in order with two guests than it is with eight."

Even dinner parties have metamorphosed out of recognition to a hostess of past years. No longer is a man arriving at a black-tie dinner given a card with the name of the lady he is to escort to the table. The use of place cards, once *de rigueur,* is now a matter of preference. One hostess points out that they are rarely needed with people over 13 years of age, since "we assume the men are not going to huddle by themselves at one corner and the women in the other." Today, the hostess is more likely to direct people to their seats.

Menus have changed, as well. For example, roast beef and turkey were considered "family" dishes, not suited to company. But highly recommended were such now-unknowns as saddle of mutton, which has long since crossed the line from gourmet to obsolete.

Likewise, taste in drinks has changed. The dinner of 50 years ago might have featured such showstoppers as frappéed cider, white grape juice and ginger ale or something called Apollinaris (a mineral water)—and only certain wines with certain dishes. Today, experts go to great lengths to emphasize that almost anything goes.

One thing that went rather quickly—except with very messy dishes—is the finger bowl. It used to appear between the ice cream and the fruit. Perhaps it is that meals are not as long and complicated as they once were, or it may just be that people are neater. No one seems to know just when the finger bowl disappeared and no one seems to care. After all, we still have napkins. (*Continued*)



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Equally strict were the rules governing service and tablesetting. Everything on the table had to be geometrically spaced, butlers using tape measures if necessary. The table fashion crisis of the time was whether or not candles should be shaded but, according to Emily Post, "whether shaded or not, there are candles on all dinner tables, always!" The tablecloth could only be white (although embroidery was permitted) and the napkin had to be folded square and flat in the center of the plate. Today's creative mixing of patterns would have dismayed everyone. All tableware was expected to match, the ultimate horror being two saucers from two different sets. The mention of the words "paper plates" would have brought a blank stare. So would "barbecue" and "cookout." The only rule generally accepted now, says Elizabeth Post, is "never try to mix informal things like paper plates with your fine crystal wine glasses."

When dinner was over, the rule was "separate but equal," with men retiring to the smoking room and women to the drawing room. Today, cigars would have to be passed in both rooms and, since very few families have that many extra rooms to be retired to anyway, everyone retires together.

Ultimately, the party ends. And, consistently, there is the one guest who doesn't realize it. Getting the last people to leave the party was a problem 50 years ago and it hasn't changed today. Mostly, anything that works is permissible. One suggested way is to close the bar, thus forcing the guest to go find one that is open—somewhere else. Women of her time lacking bars, Emily Post suggested the hostess have the person's car called or call her own and offer to drop the guest off. But the guest who won't leave and the driver who would be called are, today, the same person and that method doesn't work so well anymore.

Of all the social strictures mentioned so far, those that dictated who could invite whom to what and when were the knottiest. Volumes would have been written on the subject and still the woman of 1920 might be left sipping her tea and wondering. Etiquette ruled that "it would be the height of presumption" to invite someone of social prominence until first invited by her. Nor was it proper to invite people of higher social level to dinner if they had invited you only to tea. Fortunately, modern etiquette allows that once the established resident has made the first move, the newcomer may invite her to anything she wishes.

Emily Post would have approved of one change brought about by the decrease in servants. ". . . in 49 houses out of 50, in New York at least, the carving is done by the cook in the kitchen," she wrote. "Unless a change takes place in the present fashion, none except cooks will know anything about carving, which was once considered an art necessary to every gentleman." Today, with fewer cooks and more electric carving knives, the lost and lamented art of carving has been revived. And since Elizabeth Post writes that today's entertaining often may mean friends offering to bring a roast or a casserole for a casual party, it is probably a good thing there is no butler who might announce: "Mrs. Smith and her tuna casserole!" ■

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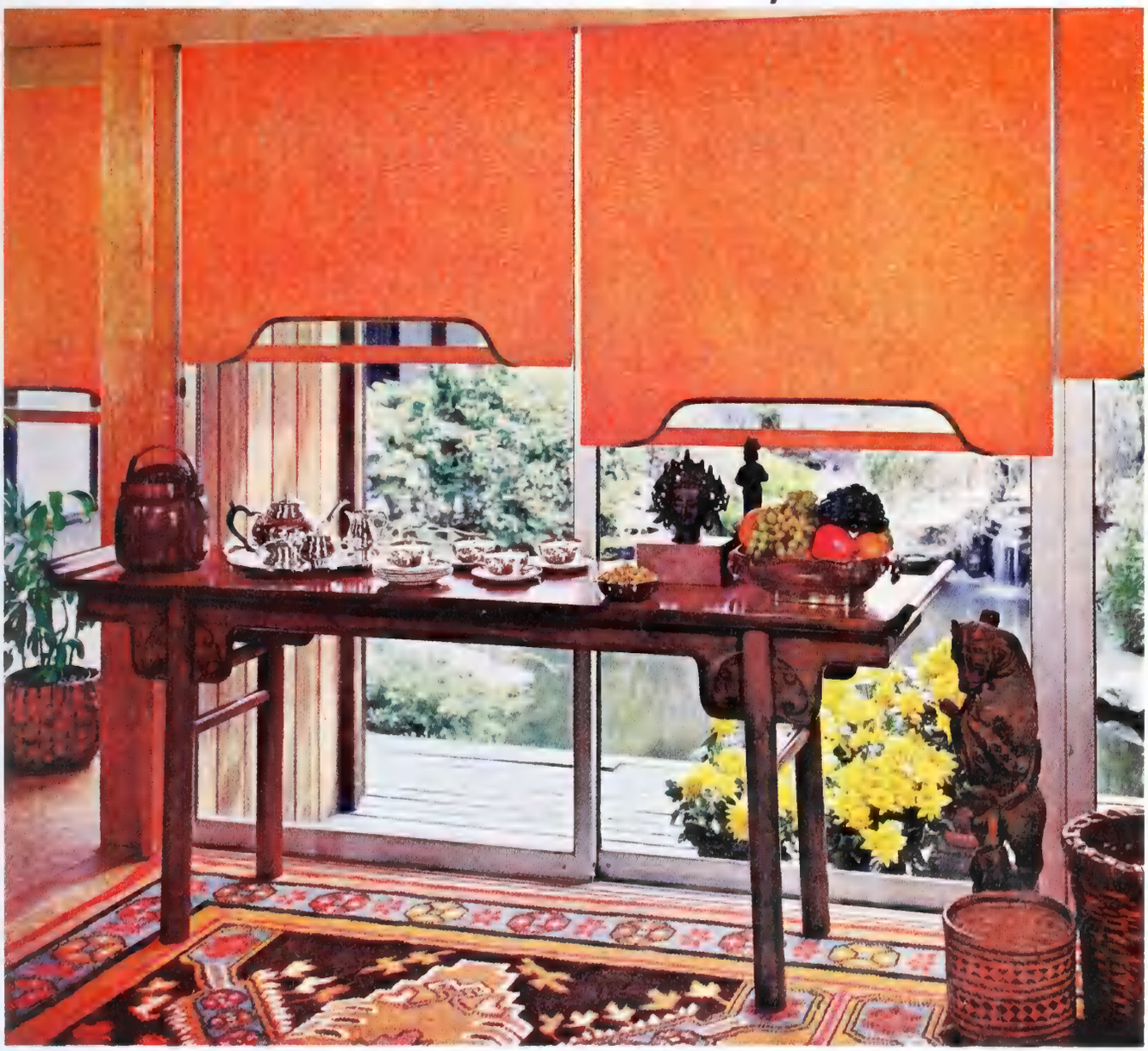
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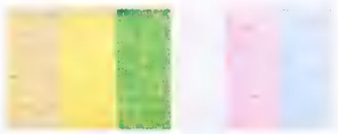
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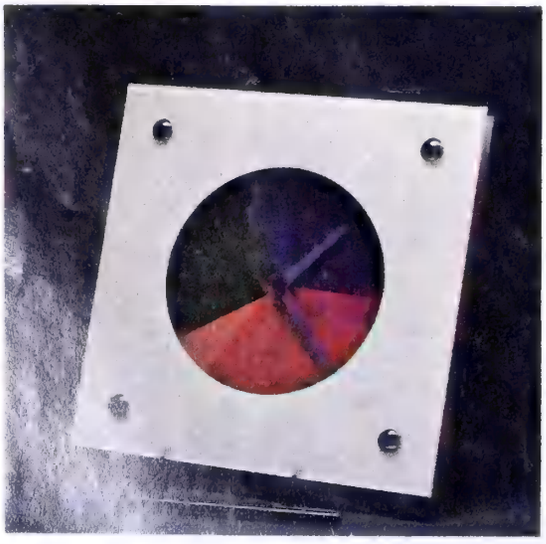
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The Worry Level

—it's right up there with The Peter Principle

By LEONARD S. BERNSTEIN □ As theories go, Parkinson's Law isn't bad, and neither is The Peter Principle. But they're not in the same class as The Worry Level, which could be the most important psychological discovery of our time.

Most of us spend more time worrying than anything else. We worry when there's something to worry about and we worry when there's nothing to worry about. So far, nobody has told us much about why we worry, and that is why this theory is so important.

Consider, if you will, my Aunt Rose. She is in her sixties, financially independent and in excellent health. She has nothing to worry about. She called one day in the late afternoon.

"Len," she said, "I have a big problem and I'd like to discuss it with you. I'm going out to dinner tonight with Ida and I don't know whether to have sirloin steak or broiled sea bass. I've worried about it all day."

"Please do stop worrying, Aunt Rose; have the steak."

"I would, except that fish is so healthy. It has iodine and minerals; it's not fattening."

"You're right—have the sea bass."

"But I like steak better."

"Well, then you have to make a choice between what you like and what's best for you."

"What would you choose?"

"I'd choose steak."

"Why steak?"

"Because I just can't stand broiled sea bass."

"But I like broiled sea bass."

"So have it."

"Yes, maybe you're right."

Twenty minutes later, the telephone rings again.

"Len, it's me again. I just read about how polluted the waters are. Maybe there's something wrong with the fish. Maybe I should have steak."

"It's true, Aunt Rose—the waters are polluted. But the restaurants in New York must be serving tons of fish every night, and nobody is getting sick."

"Yes, Len maybe you're right, but I've been worrying about it . . ."

"Listen, I have to catch a plane to Atlanta, so I'll talk to you later in the week—O.K.?"

Only a few moments later, the telephone rings again.

"Len, one more question. Ida and I are going to this fancy restaurant. What do you tip?"

"I tip about 15%. Maybe something for the captain."

"But what if you don't like the service?"

"Then I tip less."

"But if you tip less, don't they get annoyed?"

"Yes, I suppose they do. So tip 15% and don't worry."

"I've been worrying about it almost all day."

Now this is what my aunt worries about. And she worries pretty hard about it. It consumes her and occupies her day. She worries about it just as much as I do about my job.

But I do notice that she worries about it mainly when she has nothing else to worry about. If she is going to visit her doctor next week for a checkup, she worries about that. She never worries about the restaurant. If the stock market tumbles, she worries about her stocks. If the mailmen strike, she worries about her mail. But if everything else is operating, she worries about what to order for dinner. And if she's not going out to dinner, she worries about what to get my daughter for her birthday, which is coming up in three months. And she worries just as hard about the gift as the money she is losing in the stock market.

My aunt (and everyone else) has a Worry Level. It is part of her psychological make-up. It is a need, much in the same way that hunger is a need. When you are hungry, you must satisfy your appetite. You must establish an equilibrium or you will be uncomfortable. The Worry Level operates the same way. It demands enough worrying to keep it satisfied. The worry mechanism is used to a certain amount of activity. It will not stand to be without it.

My aunt has a barometric level of worry that is her norm. She must worry enough to keep the level steady. If there is nothing to worry about, she must bring in something to worry about—and give it just as much attention as something important. She must, or she will be uncomfortable. If you remove all other possible factors, she'll worry about whether the sun will rise tomorrow.

In short, then, the theory of the Worry Level is that worry will rush in to fill any void or deficiency in our worry load. If there's nothing to worry about, we will find something.

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My friend Marvin is a 20% worrier. He never worries about anything. The house could be burning down—Marvin doesn't worry. He's already thinking about his insurance claim. Friends will say to Marvin:

"Marvin, aren't you worried about the stock market?"

"No, sometimes it goes up, sometimes it goes down. Win some, lose some."

"What about your job, Marvin? They're laying off guys in our field right and left."

"Look, if it's not this job, it's another job."

Marvin is a 20% worrier. He worries only one-third as much as a 60% worrier. There is always that much worry lying around to keep Marvin occupied. Indeed, he couldn't worry about more problems even if he had them.

Harold is an 80% worrier. I enjoy meeting him for lunch because after he tells me the things he is worried about I usually feel a little better. Last week at lunch I asked him how things were.

"Terrible."

"They can't all be terrible. What's worrying you?"

That question, addressed to Harold, has to call for a two-hour response. The only time Harold doesn't worry is when he is talking about the things he is worried about.

"How are you feeling, Harold?"

"Well, I'm not feeling bad this week, but who can tell about next week?"

"What about your family?"

"Len, do you remember my Uncle Murray?"

"You mean Uncle Murray, the one who's 78 years old and still plays tennis?"

"Yeah, that one. His arthritis is bothering him. He only plays doubles now."

"You're worried about your Uncle Murray?"

"All the time."

Harold is a solid 80% worrier. Usually he has some good things to fill up that 80%, but when he doesn't, he'll worry about anything. He's like a two-packs-a-day smoker. If he stops, his body develops a tremendous craving.

My aunt is only a 50% worrier, but she can't satisfy that in normal worries. If she was an 80% worrier, she'd be on the phone with me all day. If Harold were a 50% worrier, we wouldn't have anything to talk about during lunch.

Now, you will ask, what happens to your Worry Level when you have too much to worry about? One of two things can happen. Usually you dilute your worries and accord them only as much weight as can be carried at your level. You can only carry so much emotional baggage, so you divide it up among your worries. Sometimes that doesn't work; the worries are too intense. They muscle themselves into your emotional system; the barometer charges above the norm. But you have no psychological equipment to deal with this, so you move into a state of serious distress. You are over your head and probably need help. We cannot deal with it when our worries become greater than our Worry Level can accommodate.

If you agree with my theory, there is something you can do to make yourself more comfortable when you worry. You must *recognize* what you are worrying about. Look at it, and if it is awfully small, say to yourself, "I'm worrying about this nonsense because I *need* to worry about nonsense this week." You won't stop worrying about it but you will cope with it better. You will have a sense of perspective about it.

And perhaps if you understand and cope more effectively, it might be possible to reduce your Worry Level. With serious application, you might move from a 60% level to a 50% level. I'm not sure about that. I leave it to the psychologists, wherever they may be. ■

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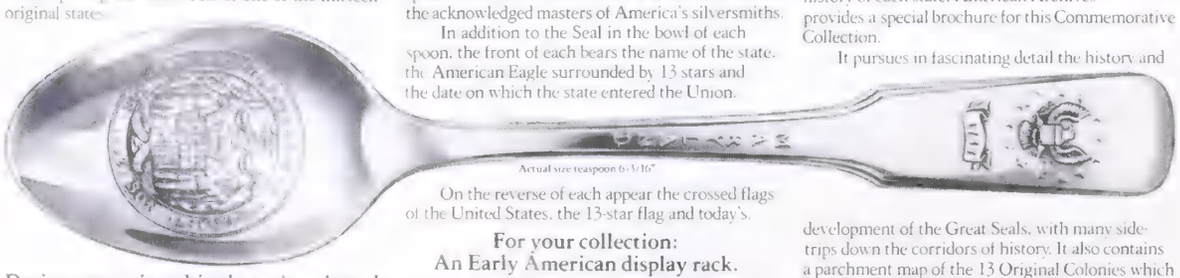
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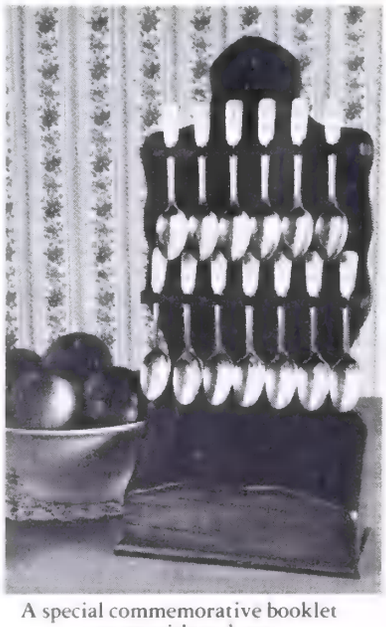
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General Electric explains microwave cooking for cookbook writer, Myra Waldo.



Myra Waldo has written more cookbooks than any other person. She has circled the globe collecting more than 25,000 recipes for her 45 cookbooks published to date. Her most recent cookbooks include: *Seven Wonders of the Cooking World* and *The Diet Delight Cookbook.*

Q. How much faster is microwave cooking than conventional oven cooking?

A. Microwave cooking is up to 8 times faster. Conventional cooking relies on the slow transfer of heat from the food surface to the inside layers. Microwave energy penetrates the food, causing the food molecules to vibrate, resulting in friction and creating heat. This heat is distributed through the food and cooks it. General Electric markets two complete microwave cooking centers (Model J896 and Model J856) plus a countertop portable microwave oven (Model JET80). Cooking speed varies with the type of food being prepared but here are some comparison times:

FOOD	CONVENTIONAL TIME	MICROWAVE PORTABLE OVEN	MICROWAVE COOKING CENTERS
1½ lb. meat loaf	60 min.	20 min.	18 min.
8 lb. turkey	3½ hrs.	1½ hrs.	40 min.
6 lb. rolled roast	3 hrs.	1¼ hrs.	35 min.
Baked Potato	60 min.	8 min.	6 min.
Baked Apple	45 min.	4 min.	4 min.

Q. Can you use standard recipes for microwave cooking and just change the timing?

A. In many cases, yes. General Electric furnishes a complete User's Manual and Cookbook with each microwave oven. Included are recipes representative of all food categories. To adapt your own recipe, you would select a similar one and use the same time and dish size stated for that particular food.

Q. Is there any change in flavor because of the rapid way the food is cooked?

A. No. Foods cooked by microwave energy generally taste the same as when cooked conventionally. Some people say foods cooked in a microwave oven taste fresher, because the faster cooking time retains more of the natural moisture in the food.

Q. Do I need special utensils for microwave cooking?

A. No. Glass, china, ceramics, pottery, paper plates and heat resistant plastics can be used if there's no metal in their composition or decoration. Metal tends to reflect microwave energy away from the food and should not be used unless specifically recommended in the User's Manual and Cookbook.



Q. Will a microwave oven brown food like a conventional oven?

A. General Electric's complete microwave cooking centers can speed cook and brown with conventional heating elements at the same time. Of course, you can use either the microwave energy or the conventional heat separately. General Electric's portable microwave oven will brown larger foods nicely due to the longer cooking period.

Q. Is there any hazard in working next to a microwave oven while it's operating?

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Pages 52-54— For your consideration

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Pages 60-62—Napkin rings

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Pages 99-113— Family rooms

Page 99—Indian Killim rug, STARK CARPET CORP. Eclectix "Gobi" lounge and upholstery fabrics by Kravet, C. J. WELCH. Haitian pillows, THROW PILLOWS INC. Hand-woven pillows, English bonnet chair and antique Indian "Pichwai" painting, BOB MITCHELL DESIGNS. Leather cube tables by Bill Greer and Moroccan taboret table, ROBERT J. MINTON INC.* "Petara" chest, Indian embroidered pillows, JOYCE HUNDAL IMPORTS. Lucite desk by Charles Hollis Jones, HUDSON-RISSMAN. Pilts desk lamp, KENRO LIGHT. Spot lighting, LIGHTOLIER. Painted surfaces, DUNN-EDWARDS CORP. Plants, JACOB MAARSE, Pasadena, Calif.

Page 101—Billiard table, ADLER BILLIARD CO., 820 S. Hoover, Los Angeles 90005. Shutters, ATLAS SHUTTER CO. INC., 8923 National Blvd., Los Angeles, 90034. Sofa, PACIFIC FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CO.* Fabric on sofa and chair, CLARENCE HOUSE.* Linen wall fabric by CALVIN from KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE.* Rug, CLEMENT SANDER & PARSONS.* Antique mirror, REINER-LANE LTD., 700 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 90069. End tables and lamps, ROBERT J. MINTON INC.* Antiques, ROBERT J. MINTON INC.* and DON BADERTSCHER ANTIQUES.*

Pages 102-103—Tile, AMERICAN OLEAN TILE CO. Chair and ottoman, HARVEY PROBBER INC.* Lamp, KARL SPRINGER LTD.* Cabinets by Joseph Schweitzer. Toys, PARKER BROS. Chrome flowerpots, ROGIN ENTERPRISES.* Large lithograph by Krushenick; others by Ernest Trova.

Page 104—Rug, STARK CARPET CO.* Chair upholstery fabric, BRUNSCHWIG & FILS.* Sofa upholstery fabric, SCALAMANDRE SILKS INC.* Accessories, frog table and clock, CLIFFORD STANTON ANTIQUES & INTERIORS, 8 Jobs Lane, Southampton, N.Y. 11968; tiles around fireplace are one-of-a-kind but similar tiles available from this source.

Pages 104-105—Floor tile, ARCHITECTURAL TILE CO., 3971 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, Calif. 92806. Desk, JOHN GOOD IMPORTS, 8460 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90069. Cocktail table, YALE BURGE from KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE.* Wing chair fabric, BRUNSCHWIG & FILS.* Table and lamps, PAUL FERRANTE, 8464 Melrose Place, Los Angeles 90069. Desk lamp, GOLDEN WEST BILLIARD SUPPLY, 6236 Laurel Canyon, N. Hollywood, Calif. 91606. Area rug, DESIGNER FLOOR COVERINGS.* Painting by Jim Dine.

Pages 106-107—"San Marino" Fancy Free Vinyl Corlon; draperies, pillows and wallcovering, all ARMSTRONG CORK CO. Furniture, all FOUNDERS FURNITURE CO.: upholstered chair, ottoman and metal armchair; "Stowaways" cabinets, Parsons table, server, cocktail table and cube tables, 20 inches high and 37½ inches high. Table lamps, TYNDALE INC. Hanging lamp, GEORG JENSEN, 601 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. "Lunarian" Tom Tru Design picture, RAYMOR/RICHARDS, MORGENTHAU INC. "Mamcioli" china coffee set made in Italy, BONNIERS INC., 605 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Bump a Pool and Shuffleboard, AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD CO. Portable television, SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA. Bolex 18-9 Duo movie projector, PAILLARD INC. Da-Lite Model B movie screen, DA-LITE SCREEN CO. INC.

Page 110—lower right: Floor, AMTICO tile and ASTROTURF, design by Judi Rudolph Male. Installation by FLOORS & INTERIORS, Miami. Table, CONTEMPORARY SHELLS; chairs, HANK LOWENSTEIN. Custom-made wall chests made of plastic laminate from TEXTOLITE.

Page 111—lower right: Etagère and lamps ROCKWELL-MERTES. Staghorn chairs, BOB MITCHELL DESIGNS. Chrome, leather chair, MEL BROWN. Ceiling spotlight, KENRO LIGHT. Navajo rugs, Indian pottery and paintings, THEDA BASSMAN INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS, 9044 Hargis, Los Angeles 90034. Hanging pots, Ned Heaton, 17261 Oak View, Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403. *Lower left:* Chairs by SHAWNEE-PENN. End table, KARTELL. *Top:* Floral arrangement by ROBERT WEBB INC., 900 First Ave., N.Y.C.

Page 112—upper left: Antique French Boisserie paneling, through BALDACCINO*. Carpeting, CLARENCE HOUSE.* Leafy print on sofa, BRUNSCHWIG & FILS.* Striped fabric on chair, TRESSARD.* Josef Albers prints from GALLERY ORIGINALS, 8380 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90069.

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Page 150— Jugs to jeroboams

Left: Round thermal bottle with hollow handle, imported from Switzerland through ROSS HAVERS INC. Wine carafe and flask with cork stoppers from Kitchen Chemistry collection, PILGRIM GLASS CORP. *Right:* Individual carafe in shape of grape cluster, glass with silvered stopper, JURGENSEN'S, 601 South Lake Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 91109. Glass liter jar (34-ounce size shown), WEST VIRGINIA GLASS CO. *Page 160—left to right:* Austrian Weinheber of wrought iron with etched-glass wine dispenser, privately owned; similar models available from NATIONAL SILVER CO. Two-gallon Italian demi-jon in green glass with woven wood case and rope handle, ROAN PRODUCTS LTD., 43-50 10th St., Long Island City, N.Y. 11101. Boda Swedish glass carafe with cork stopper and Boda individual glass carafes (comes in package of six), both from BONNIERS, 605 Madison Ave., New York City 10022. *Page 161:* Handcrafted Provence stoneware wine jug in earth tones, imported from France by THE POTTERY BARN, 231 10th Ave., N.Y.C. 10011. ■

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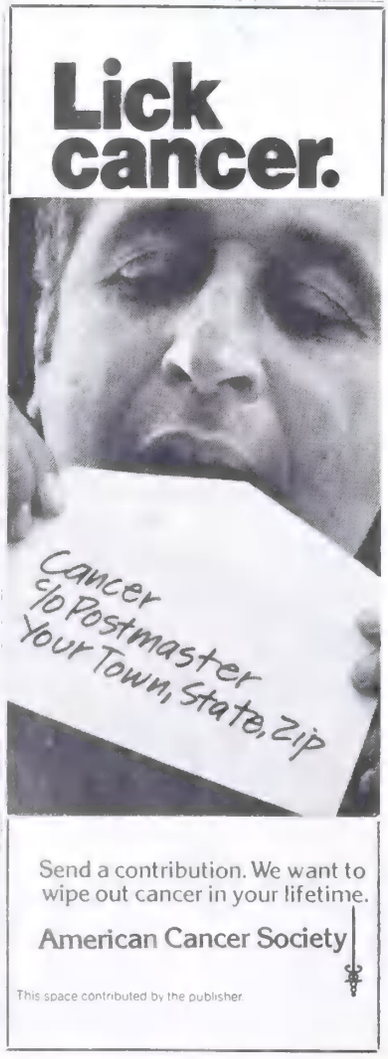
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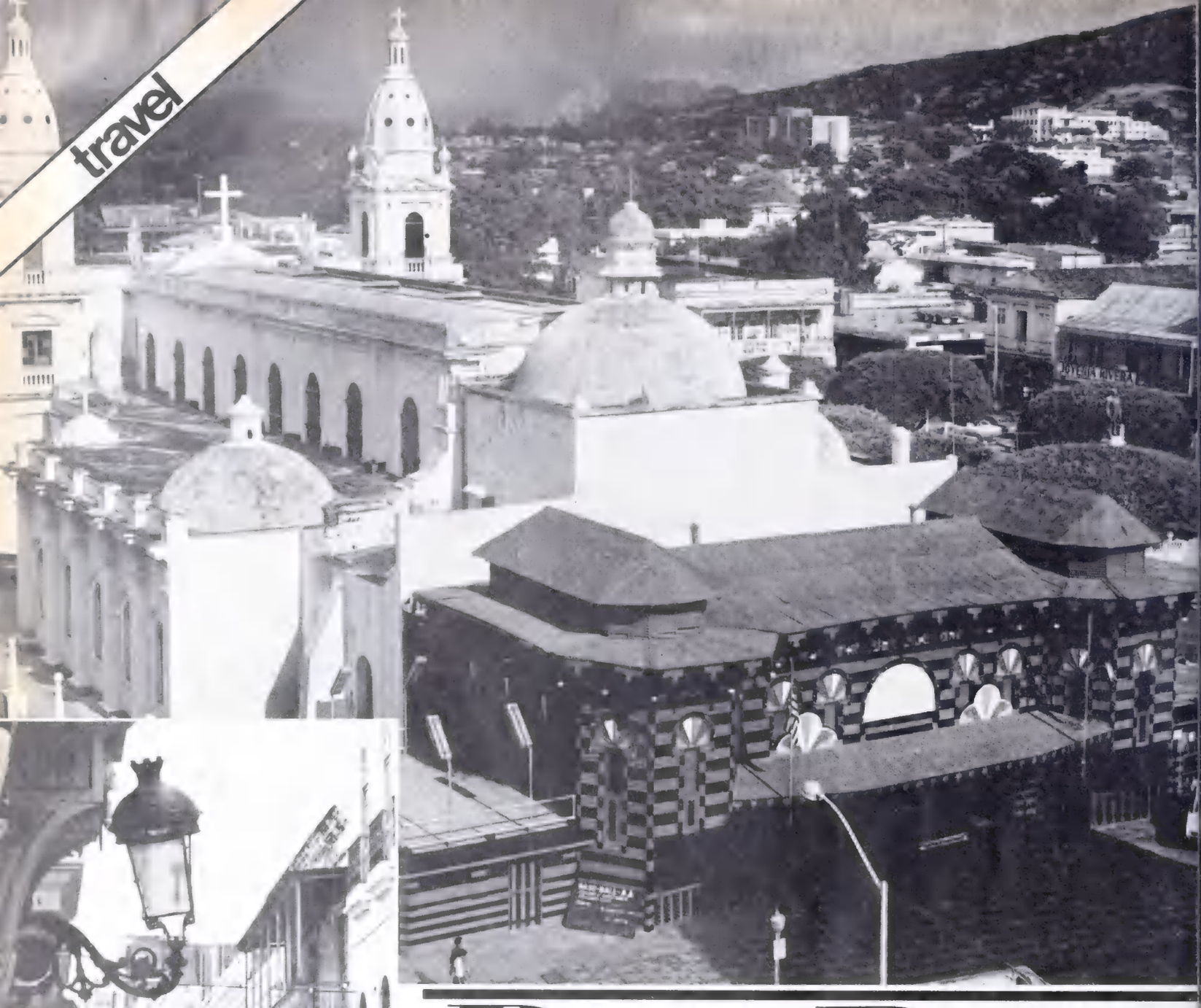
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Ponce, a bit off the usual beat, is Puerto Rico's second city, nostalgically Old Spain in its cathedral and plazas, locale of the most loved, most spectacularly gaudy firehouse in the hemisphere (top). *Minutes from modern resort hotels, Ponce de Leon's 16th-century San Juan* (above) *preserves the small-scale, intimate elegance of blue-paved streets and antique-balconied houses.*

PUERTO RICO: RICH LITTLE ISLE

San Juan is only the start of a traveler's tropical discovery

By MARION GOUGH

San Juan—well, the hibiscus blooms in the heart of town and the Atlantic rollers smash magnificently against old Fort Jeronimo and people take scuba lessons in the swimming pools of hotels that line the ocean from Condado to Isla Verde. Vacationers loll on beaches, natural or man-made, drenching themselves in sunshine and *pina coladas*, and when the sun sets and the silhouettes of inland mountains disappear in the black background of a starry tropical sky, the switch is from bikinis to dress-up for a long night of lobster and crab dinners, floor shows, dancing and the chance to drop $200 in a discreet hotel casino (under the eye of a government inspector). Locals, incidentally, cite a growing roster of excellent restaurants in San Juan, among them the Hostel Castella, Segovia, El Cid, Cabildo, Four Winds, the Caribe Hilton's Rotisserie, the Fonda del Callejon in Old San Juan and, for traditional Puerto Rican dishes, Cecilia's Place, an old stand-by now expanded into a hotel. The time-honored Swiss Chalet is now associated with the Hotels Da Vinci and Pierre, and the live-it-up strip itself is going through a major renaissance: The Caribe has a brand-new tower balconied to spectacular views and rooms that cleverly combine bed-sitting-dressing space, the Condado is being rebuilt to join a new 8,000-seat convention center and, next to this, La Concha, where every room faces the ocean, has been completely refurnished. The Sheraton is almost a town in itself. To sharpen service, the government is sponsoring a hotel school. (*Continued*)

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Coney Island signs are fast disappearing, by law, and condominiums are lofting up like mad. Latest wrinkle—the Caribbean Beach Club's membership-purchase plan, which provides an apartment on the Beach in perpetuity in a dazzlingly furnished building with a supermarket and coin laundry. ***This is Resortsville*** U.S.A., and you might live for months on this golden strand without any contact with that



Columbus Plaza in Mayaguez

other San Juan of industry and commerce, pursuing its own life in the air-conditioned skyscrapers that gleam like alabaster across the lagoon. San Juan Bautista de Puerto Rico, as Ponce de Leon named it in 1521 before his Fountain of Youth caper in Florida, has always been the big trading port of this small, fertile island where the Atlantic swirls into the Caribbean. Today it is capital of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, partner of the United States and as enterprising a business city as any town stateside, its chief goal industrial development.

Tourism, while by no means spurned by the powers that be, is not really San Juan's main concern. It came about by the happy happenstance of beach front, balmy climate (365 days never below 72°) and the ineffable "foreign-ness" of Spanish language and mores—an appealing come-on to sun-hungry, romantic mainlanders, although by now most natives slip easily in and out of the mother tongue and American English. As port of call for innumerable cruise ships and crossroads for air travel between North and South America, San Juan became identified as a holiday stopover. No one's complaining about that, but beyond San Juan there's a whole island of palm-shaded beaches, fishing villages, lush jungles, breezy mountains, colonial towns and contact with real day-to-day Puerto Rican life that few travelers get to experience.

And the experience is so easy to come by. Latch onto a copy of the Tourist Development Company's *Que Pasa*, the free official guidebook that outlines several suggested one- and two-day tours from San Juan. Rent a car, road map in hand, and you're off.

Puerto Rico measures about 100 miles from east to west, 35 miles north to south but the mountains that spine across the island add mileage. You can still cover the island neatly in five to seven days, if you don't get hung up by an irrestible beach or linger too long breathing in clean mountain air. Main Highways 1, 2 and 3 are excellent, subsidiary roads are good. Puerto Ricans will admit happy motoring in these parts means defensive driving. If you prefer to relax and be driven, chauffered cars are not exorbitant. (Luis Ramos of Tour Co-Op of Puerto Rico, 1120 Ashford Ave., San Juan, is an excellent, well-informed driver-guide.)

Many travelers, to be sure, trundle off on Route 3, turning up to El Yunque, the fabulous rain forest, its mountain peak in perpetual dewy clouds, an eerie green-lit jungle of tree ferns and every tropical tree that grows, splashed with waterfalls and the air scented with wild ginger, a place where mangoes, guavas, avocados grow in delicious jumble. Pause that refreshes here is at Las Vegas tavern, purveyors of the national drink, *pina colada*, made with fresh, homegrown pineapple juice and coconut milk, which you then lace to your fancy with Puerto Rican rum. It's an easily acquired taste that you can approximate when you get home with Famosa brand's canned *pina colada* drink mixings. Las Vegas also puts on a demonstration cockfight, the traditional national sport. (I missed this, not regretfully, because the cocks had just been fed and tenderly put to bed.)

The usual next lap is off to Fajardo and El Conquistador, the great elegantly duked-up multilevel hotel on the cliffs that runs its guests to the beach by three funiculars, has a smashing casino; a wow of a mirrored nightclub called Sugar's, with 178 chairs, each different, all painted purple; a terribly tough, beautiful golf course and a building devoted to sauna, massage and exercise. A self-contained pleasure world and the natives you'll meet here will probably be natives of New York or Chicago. For a more local atmosphere, detour on the way, going north to the town of Loiza Aldea, which celebrates the feast day of Santiago with a masked carnival and has perpetuated the craft of making the grotesque masks called *budos*, a hangover from the African voodoo of the Caribbean.



El Yunque, the rain forest—tree ferns, orchids, waterfalls

En route to Fajardo and El Conquistador turn off to Luquillo Beach, a world-acknowledged spectacular, five miles of sand, coconut palms and limpid waters—and public. Look, swim, sample its food stalls as the Puerto Ricans do for *coco frio* (coconut milk from the shell), codfish fritters (*bacalaitos*) or plantain and meat fritters (*acapuruas*). You'll soon learn that Puerto Rico fritters everything,



Porta Coeli Chapel, San Germán

but sanitation is good and tropical tummy is rare. Or save your appetite for El Puerto Chico, a restaurant in the fishing town of Fajardo with a view of the marina—land crab stew, clawless lobster, carey (beefy turtle steak), the omnipresent black beans and rice (with raisins, already), native fare in a place decorated with every wine bottle they've ever opened, plus the glitter of trimmings left over from Christmas. Nice.

If you've a yen for an unspoiled island, quiet beaching and fishing in marlin country, there's a car ferry from Fajardo to Vieques, discreetly shared by the U.S. Navy. Put up at Sportsman House, the simple, sole hotel on the island.

Or, on Route 3, drive south to Humacao, a town named for a chief of the Tainos, the long-disappeared Indian natives whose relics are constantly coming to light to enrich Puerto Rico's already rich history. Turn southeast then to a fabulous coast of rocky cliffs, pelicans, seagrapes and secluded crescent beaches (19 of them, just big enough for two or four, along a six-mile strand). This is Palmas del Mar, an extraordinary condominium development, now building—2,300 sloping seaside acres, half to remain a nature conservancy (*Continued on page 92*)





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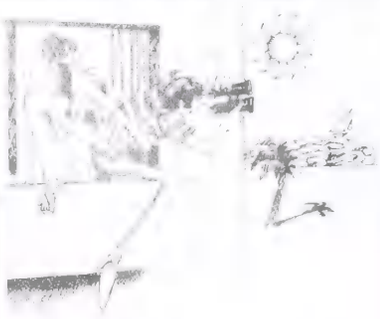
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Fascinating Puerto Rico

As your plane descends for landing in Puerto Rico, San Juan spreads below, a large, white, modern city set in a green-blue sea. Actually, it is the oldest city under the American flag, founded in 1521. La Fortelaza, built in 1540, is the oldest executive mansion in this hemisphere. That is the fascination of this Spanish-speaking and sun-bathed island. Today, some people think that there are too many hotels strung along its beaches, too many skyscrapers in San Juan, that it has lost its Old World charm. For them, every day brings new resort developments far from the capital, in places hardly heard of now. Dorado, 30 minutes away, has several lovely resorts. Palmas del Mar, an inn and condominiums, is under construction on the remote southeastern shore and Villa Taino, in Boqueron at the opposite end of the island from San Juan, on the Caribbean, opens soon. The trend of tourism in the future of Puerto Rico *is* away from San Juan. Even so, many people will always like to stay in the big hotels along the beach, where you can have everything you want in resort facilities plus excellent nightclubs and casinos. They like to be near San Juan so they can shop and explore in Old San Juan and dine in the good restaurants there. No matter which you prefer, Puerto Rico's weather in the winter is steady, sunny and beautiful, the sea water equally as enticing and yet it is only a few hours from most major cities in the U.S. The Department of Tourism of Puerto Rico publishes beautiful and colorful literature of which "Puerto Rico. Now" is one of the most informative. It lists hotels all over the island, gives number of rooms, rates, indicates what facilities each has and has a keyed map. It lists available sports in Puerto Rico and gives a capsule history. For information, check box 1.

Some hotels in San Juan

The Puerto Rico Sheraton rises higher than any other hotel on Condado Beach in San Juan. Every room of this luxurious hotel has its own balcony and sweeping view. You can take the elevator down to the beach, the ocean or the magnificent pool (pools! Olympic, diving and wading). Tennis, golf, deep-sea fishing, water-skiing are all available. If you don't feel like going to Old San Juan, you can shop for ceramics, wood carvings, hand embroideries and other crafts right in the hotel. For dinner you might choose La Alhambra, the rooftop restaurant. Strolling troubadours serenade as you dine, the food is good and the view of the ocean and San Juan delightful. Then, either take in a top-flight show in the Salon Carnaval Supper Club or try your luck in the Casino (or do both). Check Box 2 for literature on the Puerto Rico Sheraton. La Concha Hotel's nightclub caused a sensation when the hotel opened more than a decade ago. Its roof actually curves like a shell and the nightclub is built in its own pool at the ocean's edge affording superb vistas at night. This hotel is directly on the beach and is only 12 stories high. The spacious rooms, all redecorated, have their own balconies. The hotel stands between the ocean and a large pool, protecting it from any strong breezes. A number of cabaña rooms surround the pool for more casual living and there is a fabulous three-bedroom suite on the penthouse floor. Besides the star-studded entertainment in the nightclub, there is gambling in the casino. La Concha is ideally located if you want to enjoy San Juan to its fullest, such as going to the horse races at El Commandante. A standard room in both these hotels during the winter costs about $47 for two without meals. Check box 3 for information on La Concha.

You'll hear soon after arrival in San Juan that the Swiss Chalet is one of the best restaurants in town. Its furniture was made by expert Swiss wood carvers and Puerto Rican wood cabinetmakers. More important, the kitchen is supervised by a crew of Swiss chefs assisted by Puerto Ricans. The Swiss Chalet recently won the Les Fourchettes d'Or trophy, an international culinary award. The bar here is a meeting place at the cocktail hour. Another excellent restaurant is the Top of the First, a rooftop restaurant and supper club in town specializing in the best service, French cuisine and wines. The owners of these restaurants have built two hotels. The Pierre is adjacent to the Swiss Chalet, in town and only 10 minutes from the airport.

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This hotel has 184 rooms, all with a European charm, a swimming pool and garden for sunning and the beach is nearby. A standard double room here goes for $35 a day without meals. The other hotel, the Da Vinci, is on the beach, has a lovely pool and is equally delightful. It is a simple white structure with charming arched balconies. You'll see many good reproductions of Da Vinci's masterpieces. The atmosphere is Old World and the service matches. The Da Vinci's two restaurants, La Locanda and Frascati, emphasize the Italian cuisine, naturally. A double room, standard, runs $38 per day without meals. A 54-room annex, the Da Vinci South, has just been added. It is just across the street and has some rooms with fully equipped kitchenettes. Staying at either the Pierre or the Da Vinci on a modified American Plan (about $13 additional per day) entitles you to dine in any of the restaurants owned by the Swiss Chalet Inc.; that's quite a choice. Check box 4 for Swiss Chalet hotels.

Cecilia's Place has been a very favorite restaurant in San Juan since it opened in 1928. Cecilia's specialties were native dishes such as *salmorejo* (crab stew) and *asapao* (crab meat bisque). In 1951 it came under new ownership, but the same tradition carries on. In 1962 the restaurant burned to the ground. It has been rebuilt, incorporating a small hotel of 80 rooms. The building is done in a blending of wood and concrete in a Spanish-American motif. It is literally five minutes from the airport in the Isla Verde section. Each room has its own balcony and sea view and is furnished in specially made hand-crafted furniture. It has a pool and the beach is just steps away. The El Conquil Lounge is a popular swinging night spot. Rates for a standard room, double, $34 per day. Check box 5.

Driving in Puerto Rico

Having an automobile in Puerto Rico adds a great deal of pleasure to your vacation. There is so much to see outside of San Juan, even in an easy day's drive. La Ruta also is about to open. It is a multilaned toll road that goes along the south coast, right through the mountains and small towns and countryside seldom seen before—especially by tourists. American International Caribe Rent-a-Car can have a car waiting for you at the airport or at your hotel when you arrive. A Datsun 1500 or a vega runs $10 plus 10 cents a mile and gas, $60 by the week. They also have Novas, Mavericks, Malibus and station wagons—all of which are more expensive. Cars are well insured and you can take extra collision insurance if you wish. Check box 6 for more information.

A way to remember Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico and rum are synonymous. You will probably develop a liking for rum while you are there, if you do not have one already. Maybe you would like to have the recipe for some of the rum drinks you liked—perhaps the Pina Colada, Rumtini, Rebel, a Daiquiri. Rums of Puerto Rico publishes "Great Rum Drinks," enticingly illustrated, which not only gives you the ingredients for many drinks but also tells you the difference between rums. Another booklet, "Parties" by Irene Mayer, special consultant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, contains not only the recipes for the above rum drinks but ideas for delicious appetizers. Many helpful hints on how to plan a party are also included. Check box 7 for these booklets.

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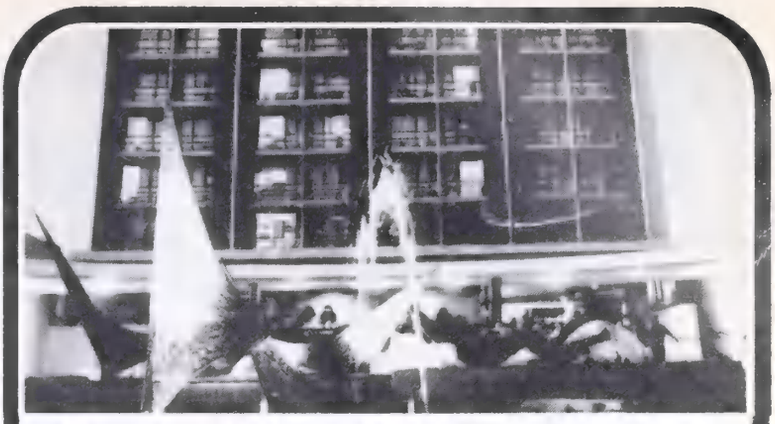
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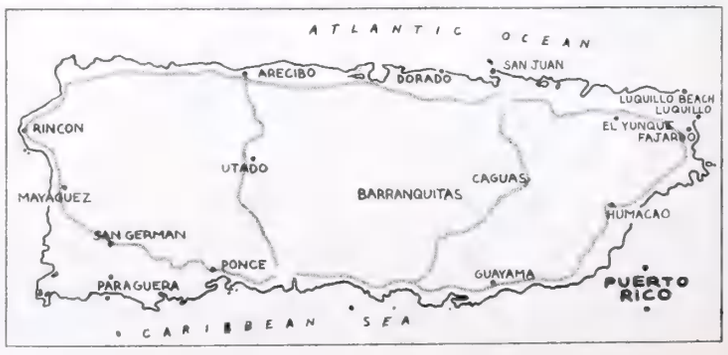
the rest a complex of villages, no house higher than a palm tree. There's a golf course, tennis courts, marinas, but it's for year-round living as well as vacationing—the whole the enlightened concept of the people who planned Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head, S.C. It's due to be operational in January of next year.

I asked several San Juanistos, if that's the word, where they go to get away from it all. A favorite route is a scene-shifter, taking you from beachland through the mountainous spine of the country, the Cordillera Central. It's Route 167 from Bayamon to Comerio, then on to Barranquitas and the peaceful El Barranquitas Hotel, favorite of riders, hikers, tennis players, pool swimmers, fresh air fiends and the food-conscious (the hotel runs a chefs' school). Then take Route 143 through the state forest, El Bosque Estatal de Toro Negro, up to Cerro de Punta, the island's highest peak, 4,290 feet. You might picnic en route or swim at the Doña Juana recreation area where there are wildflower trails. When 143 runs into Route 10, you can turn north to Utuado or south to Ponce. Utuado and its surround are a field day for archeology buffs because Indian caves have been discovered here and a 700-year-old Taino Indian ball park has been unearthed, suggesting that the Russians didn't invent baseball after all. The Puerto Rican Institute of Culture has restored the park and there's an Indian museum where you can examine the strange petroglyphs and *cemis*, stone faces carved to resemble the mountains the Tainos worshipped—symbols that are finding their way into modern Puerto Rican design as the island investigates its pre-Spanish history. (See more of this, too, in the museum of the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan.) Reserve in advance, and near Utuado you can put up at the Hacienda Roses, a seven-room guesthouse on a coffee plantation with its own orchid garden. (The island's mountain-grown coffee is strong, black, pleasantly assertive.)

Ponce, the conservative, pretty, second city of P.R., still bears traces of 19th-century Spanish mannerliness and the look of older Spain in its cathedral plaza. Sights to see are a curious mix—a great beach, a handsome art museum designed by Edward Durrell Stone, the Don Q rum distillery and a highly glazed, last-century firehouse, inactive, but kept gaudily painted in red, yellow, green and black. High on a hill, the Ponce Intercontinental Hotel looks down to the Caribbean.

Head west along the coast to the fishing village of La Parguera and one of the strangest, loveliest sights that ever beguiled a moonless night. It's the Phosphorescent Bay, glowing in the dark, streaked with flashes of light which are the darting of fish and when the water drips from your fingers, it sparkles like a shower of diamonds. You float out to the bay in a boat, preferably late at night in the dark of the moon when the waters do their best shimmering. For some reason, the adventure has a silencing effect on everyone and is probably the quietest experience you'll have in Puerto Rico, where the decibel count is generally high. Hotel here is Villa Parguera, simple, rustic, overlooking its own pool and a bay rimmed by vacation houses that rise from the water on stilts.

For beautiful, memorable swimming, drive through the town of Lajas to the beach at Boquerón. The government maintains the beach, even has vacation houses to rent right on the sands. If you're picnic-minded, don't pass up the wayside peddlers en route—they purvey delectable pineapples, avocados and *quenepas*, those green, grapey-looking fruits that the Puerto Ricans eat like salted nuts. Another taste (*Continued*)



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For real serious native eating find your way to Antonio Velasquez's El Caribe, in Guaniquilla near Cabo Rojo. Antonio, a returnee from New York, fishes in the morning, opens his spotless, unposh restaurant at noon, he and his wife cooking the catch—things like baby red snapper, so delicious and tender you can eat the bones.

Driving north from La Parguera heading for Mayaguez, stop off at quaint and hilly San Germán, Puerto Rico's second oldest city, full of grande-dame old houses. Porta Coeli, its famous chapel, is restored as a museum of religious art—nothing lavish, but the great "ironwood" asuba wood beams and carved saints are reminders of the island's traditional woodworking skill, now preserved, but not half enough, in the carving of *santos*, religious figures frequently representing the Three Kings. (Domingo Orta in Ponce is a master carver.) See also examples of *colado* work, the lacy embroidery skill that seems, too, to be fading away. In the hills above town, drive through the wild and tropical campus of the Inter-American University, a mighty palatable place to study if you could concentrate amid the mangoes, flaming flamboyants and bougainvillea.

Passing through the town of Hormigueros, you might take a few minutes and a deep breath to climb up 75 steep steps to the Sanctuario de la Montserrate, a church built on the site of a 16th-century shepherd's vision of the Virgin. The much-venerated statue of the Virgin here has long black curls, that are believed to actually grow like human hair.

I saw little of Mayaguez except rum distilleries—it's the rum capital of the world—and the Mayaguez Hilton, a hilltop Hilton in one of the prettiest landscaped settings anywhere. Custom dictates that you go down to the bay front for a lobster dinner at Bolos.

A 20-minute flowery drive from Mayaguez and you're on the tropical beaches of Rincón. I stopped, couldn't stay, but would have liked to at Villa Cofresi, a hotel named for a pirate who was an early Puerto Rican Robin Hood. One step out and you're on the sand in the shade of sea grapes and palms and in the company of family-oriented Puerto Ricans who have naturally brought the kids—it's that kind of casual, pleasant place, to my knowledge still uninvaded by statesiders. Waters here are mild but up the coast at Punta Higuero, the island's westernmost tip, the swelling waves makes this a terrific thrill area for daring surfers.

Route 2 again, and north to the north coast, the Atlantic Ocean and the beach at Guajataca, where the hotel is a casual beachside complex of cabanas and thatched huts and the Vistamar Restaurant plies you with fresh fish, crab and lobster.

East to Arecibo. More rum in the Ron Rico plant (distilleries are generous to their guests) but if it's a Sunday, drive south a bit to see the National Science Foundation's Ionospheric Observatory. The world's biggest radar-radio telescope is here monitoring the sound waves that bounce off objects in space—all too much for me but crucial to space scientists. But anyone would be bemused by the land's eerie topography. It's karst country, outcropped with haystack shapes of limestone, a geological oddity that provided just the sort of site the observatory needed.

Route 2 is the highway to San Juan but turn off on 165 favoring yourself with a visit to Dorado, its ocean beaches and black rock reefs smashed by water that turns every color of blue and green before it explodes into white foam. Hotels here are the new Cerroma Beach, large-scale, ready for conventions, and the Dorado Beach (quiet, low-key, in lush but manicured purlieus and my secret favorite of all). These have more Robert Trent Jones golf courses than you can shake a golf club at and offer reciprocal amenities, including a shuttle bus between them. Su Casa, at Dorado Beach, is a charming dining place in an old Spanish-style house. Both hotels furnish resort goings-on without razzmatazz.

"These fancy hotels are not Puerto Rico," commented the taxi driver who drove me one evening into the glamorously night-lighted grounds of the Dorado Beach, palms rustling and the *coquis*, those tiny green tree frogs, peeping away. Well, maybe not. Puerto Rico native style *is* something else—but then you will have discovered what a lovely something else it is when you've driven out into the rest of the island.

American, Delta, Eastern and Pan American airlines fly regularly into San Juan from the mainland, easily linking it with major U.S. cities. Island cities are connected by Prinair flights going from here to there in a matter of minutes. The money is "American," of course, and there is no customs duty on anything that you buy.

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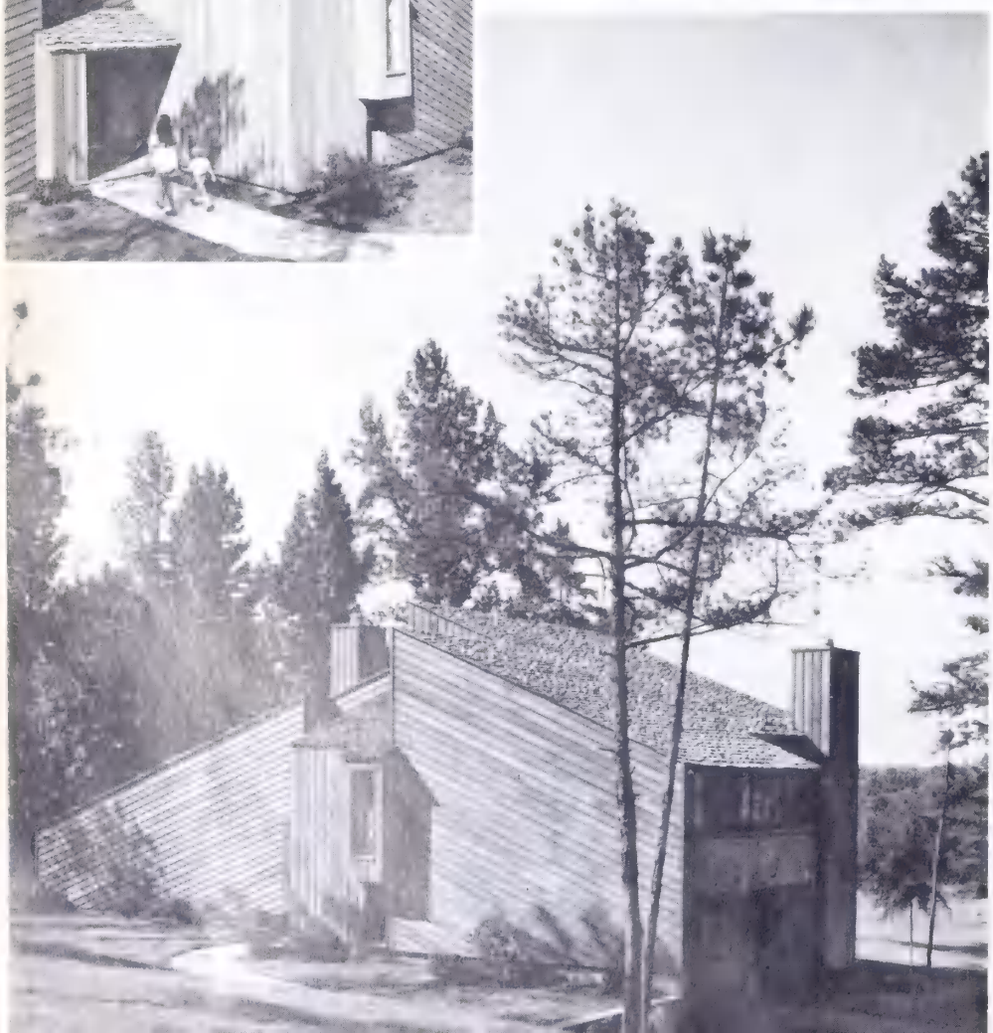
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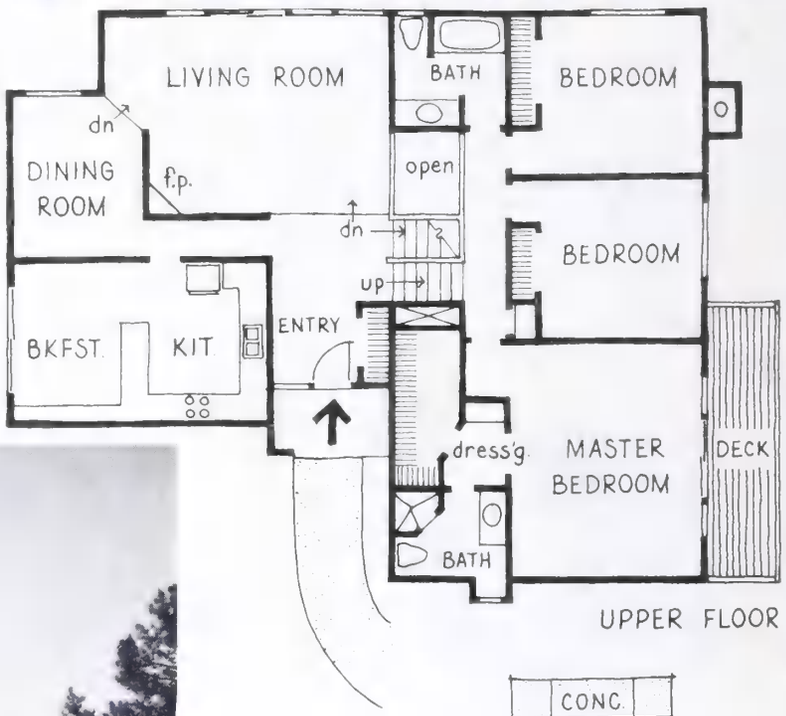
This wood-wrapped house of dramatic angles is in Raintree. What is Raintree? A symbol of the times, first. Then a compilation of high-grass meadows, hardwood and pine woods, twisting brooks and small lakes in Matthews, N.C., a mile or so from Charlotte. Its nearly 1,200 acres also contain two 18-hole golf courses; bridle paths; nature trails; curving, dipping, carefully sited black-top roads and a combination of remarkably well-designed single-family houses, clustered dwellings and attached "patio" houses (townhouses). Why is it a symbol of the times? Because the better builders today are selling communities, not simply model houses in random locations. You're given an opportunity to buy a total environment. And the best of the better home builders offer exemplary design within these communities. Such a company is the packager of Raintree: The Ervin Co., now a subsidiary of American Cyanamid. Perhaps we are to resign ourselves to buying better community packages from the largest builders. Ervin expects 1972 sales to crest $200 million, a respectable sum for a moderately large manufacturer, exceptionally high for a home builder. Yet, if the results are as pleasant as in Raintree, rejoicing ought to supplant resignation. We will need to applaud the big builders (though still keeping a sharp eye out for slipshod and pedestrian work). Other model houses in Raintree are less demanding of attention than the fine version below. But good design prevails throughout the area. Credit should go to the builder and to Ferebee, Walters & Associates, Architects/Planners of Charlotte. Prices for house and lot in the community are presently running between about $50,000 and $90,000. Cost of the house below is $72,000 on its half-acre lot, which backs directly onto one of the golf course fairways. According to a spokesman for Ervin, prices for another group of patio houses may be in a range of prices less than $50,000.—JOHN H. INGERSOLL

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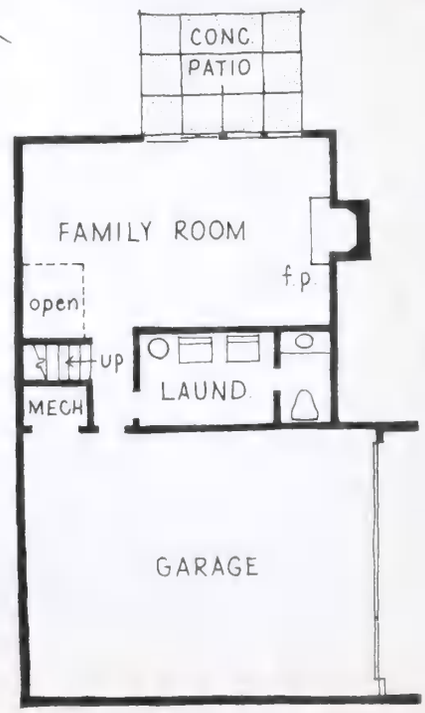


Surrounded by tall North Carolina evergreens, this house appears almost to have sprung from the soil itself, its wood siding stained a natural earth tone. If you carefully study the plan at right, you will see no surprises, simply a good basic arrangement of space, amounting to 2 421 square feet in all, plus a two-car-and-more garage.





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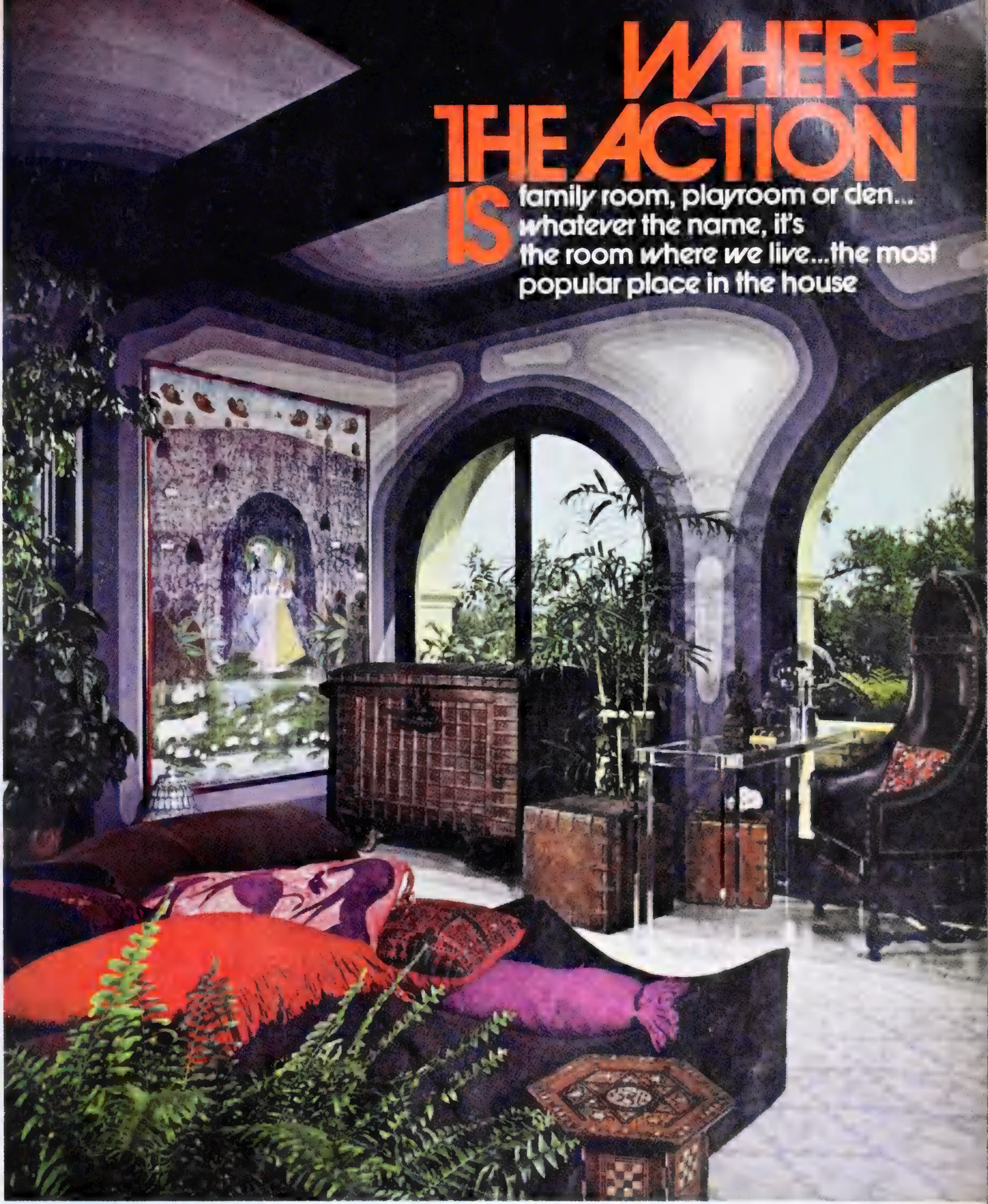
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This undulant pleasure grotto, converted from the open porch of an old California mansion, could have been abducted from a seraglio. Designed by Jerry Shimer, its walls and ceilings are embellished with the gradations of an environmental painting by Michael Kelly.

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most of all, it should tell the *world*: this is our place

By LINDA B. DOWNS ☐ Every house has one—a room where the family spends its at-home time, a space that is its private corner of the world. In most modern houses, this is the "family room," though it may be called a den, sitting room, library, study, game or recreation room or playroom. No matter—all serve the same personal purpose.

It is the first new room in the American home since the bathroom came indoors, and more than 70% of all new homes are built with this leisure-living space. You might trace its heritage to the back parlors of old, but its distinctively American evolution bears little resemblance to that horsehair-and-walnut chamber. And it is still evolving—to the extent that some people predict the popularity of this informal space will mean the end for the formal living room. "I think living rooms are obsolete," a San Juan mother wrote in response to a survey of some 500 House Beautiful subscribers. A Mississippi woman said that although their daughter is now grown, "Our next house would have no formal living room per se. We use ours about once a year." And Mrs. Lon L. Laymon of San Bernardino, Calif., noted most emphatically: "Our living room is simply a room that we have to pass through. We never use it. It's a waste—a hangover from when people used to entertain in the front parlor. I would rather have one great big lovely room and use the whole thing, though I do like a separate formal dining room."

This is, of course, very much a matter of lifestyle and preference, and readers in our poll were about evenly divided: 38% definitely would prefer a living room if they had to choose, 25% would choose a family room and another 12% would have only a family room as long as children were at home. The remainder said that they would "perhaps" choose a family room, with 2% refusing to decide.

Many people are realizing as well that this space does not have to include children. Mrs. M. Lempert of Warrington, Pa., writes, "We turned our larger space into a playroom for our children (ages five and one) and have a small den where we like to relax and listen to music. Ideally, a home should have both rooms—even if it means creating two rooms from one very large room." But the old concept hangs on and, allied with the multiplicity of names, it can be a communication-stopper. "We do not have a family room. Under no circumstances would we ever have a family room," a Nebraska reader wrote. However, she listed a study/library/home office in her home. A California woman—who also indicated that she and her husband had no children—purple-inked on the back of her questionnaire: "Family rooms are for families with children." They have a den.

So perhaps what really is needed is an all-new name. One TV-tuned furniture manufacturer has suggested calling it the prime-time room. Other possibilities might be leisure-living room or at-home room. In any case, we agree with these words from another young wife without children: "The importance of the family room and related areas cannot be overstressed, whether families consist of two or four or more—because the purpose of these rooms/areas is so very necessary . . . that's where home is."

What should your at-home space be? Whatever you want. No matter how the builder envisioned it, you can use it as a room for the whole family, an adults-only retreat or a play space for children. It can be an action room or a quiet room, a TV center or the one place in the house to escape the lively box. . . . It can be any of these or all of these.

Is it to be an entertaining space as well as a private space? Will you need a movie screen, wet bar, space for dancing, extra seating (or a closet to store party needs between guests)? Only 16% of our readers said they never entertained in the "family room"—and those who did not answer the question because they call their at-home space by another name would probably bring that percentage even lower. How do the people who use this room spend evenings, weekends and free daytime hours? Do they knit, sew, read, paint, collect stamps, make fishing flies, build model ships, pursue some other hobby or special interest that requires special equipment or work space? A North Carolina woman wrote that if she could have anything she wanted in a family room, her first choice would be a sewing center. A West Virginian's greatest wish would be a separate area for working with flowers. Specialized needs? Yes, but wishes that should determine how these women live in their houses. And the availability of other space for these pursuits—or for children's playspace—can make a great difference in the way they view their family rooms. So, too, will proximity to the kitchen, patio, dining and living rooms, and whether you have to climb steps to answer the telephone or doorbell.

Over 70% of our readers who have a family room said that this is definitely or probably the area in which the family spends most of its time. Put this figure together with the special requests and the 75% who entertain "often" or "at times" in their existing family rooms and you're at the conclusion that if the family room has to take care of this much living time, these homes must have a lot of wasted space in other rooms. If your family fits this picture, then maybe you should question whether you need a formal living room. Perhaps that is the space to convert into a children's room, a parents' retreat, a workroom, a guestroom/den. Or, correspondingly, the answer for you might be just to inject a little livable informality into your living room and to transform your family room from the builder's one-huge-togetherness-of-space into smaller rooms that better meet your family's special needs. In the end, the test of a good at-home room is the test of any good room: It must serve its function *and* give a sense of the style and interests of its owners. On page 254 are more thoughts on what this space can be and on the next 13 pages 12 rooms that already meet these requirements, whether you call them family rooms, dens, playrooms or at-home rooms. . . .

for family and guests, an at-home room *where* the *welcoming* spirit is *ever* present

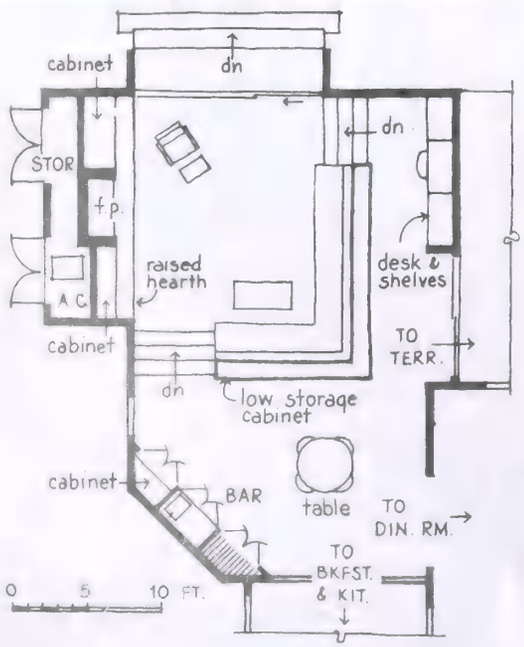
When Mr. and Mrs. David Alpert purchased an old Spanish-style house in Beverly Hills four years ago, they converted the living room space into this all-purpose family center *(right and on the cover)*. Wanting to use the room for both at-home times and for entertaining, the Alperts asked Designer John Patton for an active yet dressy scheme. His response? A warm, comfortable amalgam of plump seating pieces with a billiard table and a retractable movie screen at one end (the Alperts collect antique films, frequently show them at parties). The otherwise campy accessories—an old bar mirror and telephone, a trumpet Victrola from Grandmother's day and pictures that might have come from Grandmother's photo album—are unself-consciously gentled by the high-style rug, the fabric-covered walls, the Tiffany lamp. The peaked ceiling was a bonus accidentally discovered during remodeling, hidden under a false plaster ceiling. The tall shutters imply an access to the outdoors but actually mask standard-sized windows. It's not a room for active children's play, but the three young Alperts can spread out a fireside game without disrupting its welcoming spirit for guests or family readers.

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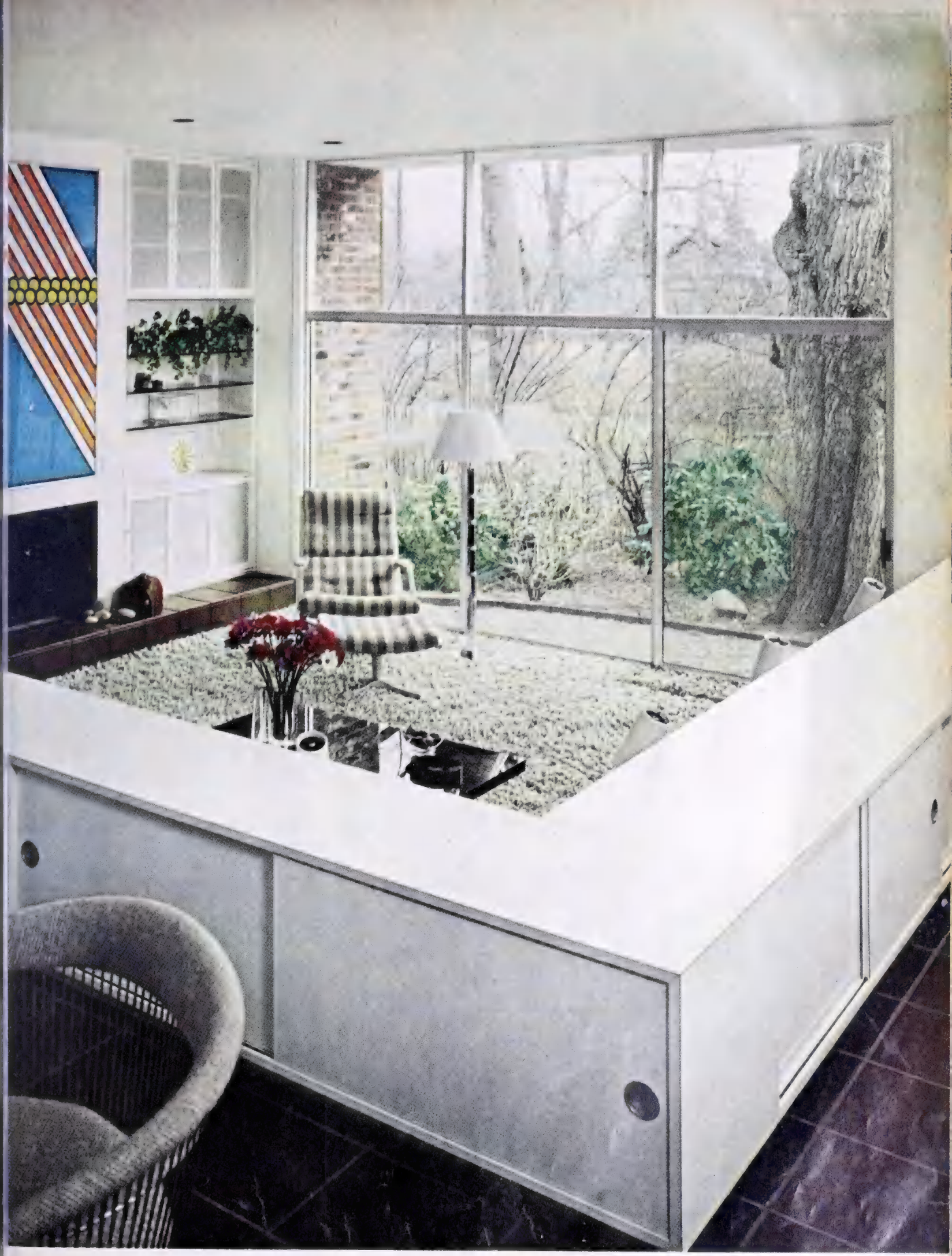

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to meet a tall order, dividing the areas of activity provided 'a real family room'

"This is a real family room," says Mrs. Robert Messing. "We can entertain for both children and adults at the same time but on different levels—and it's just great, too, for one person who wants to curl up and read." Deciding that an existing jalousied room could not be remodeled to suit, Architect Milton Klein replaced it with this much larger addition to the Messings' Short Hills, N.J., home. The plan (*left*) is carefully sectionalized to meet their tall order for: play space for their two daughters, access to the terrace and a view of the large yard, a family sitting area, a bar and casual dining space, an office and lots of storage. Tall cabinets flanking the fireplace hide the television and other paraphernalia. A long, broad unit backing the built-in banquettes stores dishes and party gear as well as toys and photographic equipment—and becomes a buffet server for parties. Interior Designer Dorothy Ginsberg used earth tones and neutrals throughout, with the upper level in easy-care American Olean tile and the fireside level in deep shag, noise-softening carpet. And, adds Mrs. Messing, "It's so easy to take care of that it always looks crisp and ready to receive guests if there's an unexpected knock at the front door."



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treasures of a quieter time *weave* their comforting harmony

Warm, cozy, intimate—those phrases so often used for provincial or Early American styling are aptly fitted to the room above. For Clifford H. Stanton has created a room where the young family of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Koerner can relax with their books and their collection of Americana, their fireplace and piano (not seen in this view). Now look again. Amid all their Colonialisms, notice the never-expected refinements of the white lacquer furniture and hand-painted tiles on the fireplace, the airiness of shutters instead of curtains and pecky cypress paneling lightened to white—all imparting a new sense of style and grace to the endearing charm of a *trompe-l'oeil* clock, the high-backed rocker and electrified oil lamp.

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the gleam of fine *wood* casts an ageless spell *over* an *easy* blend of old and *new*

With three small children in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr needed an adult retreat. So they stole space from the rear garden of their older Beverly Hills house and added a library/billiard room (*right*) next to their living room. By day, it's a pleasant, book-lined—and workable—office for the frequent business conferences Carr holds at home. By night, it's a sheltering refuge for the Carrs and an extra entertaining space, with a wet bar, ice maker and wine racks built in to the left of the fireplace. To harmonize the room's many lives, Designer John Cottrell has given it the patina of dark wood and paned windows, the timeless ease of a wing chair and a modern love seat, both set invitingly on a shaggy rug before the fireplace.





a room that marches to the tune of today

interfering levels, everything is slicked down, mellowed modern, ready to take the action without losing decorative impact. Its colorings come from one great sweep of pattern, strong but not brash. Armstrong's "San Marino" design in the "Fancy Free" vinyl Corlon floor, the wallpaper, draperies and pillows. Its neutral tones are used on the Founders chairs on the lower level, its light golds in accessories and its deepest shade custom-lacquered on the ceiling. Blending beautifully, the natural maple of Founders' "Stowaways" collection. At dance time, both levels can be cleared in the center. At movie time, see how the dining area (*far left center*) becomes a home theater (*far left below*): The screen slides down, the lamp slides up, a cube slides over, the projector slides out of its other-times home in the coffee table. It is a room geared to today's way to have fun—yet mindful, too, of the old-fashioned pleasures of an evening by the fire logs at the ready (*inset above*) and a big bowl of popcorn for the feasting.





a room composed of many pleasures

The remainder of this Florida house (seen in our August issue, pages 38-43) is resort-stylish—white, Cantonware blue, tangy green. Here, Designer Rosemary Robinson has created a mood of low-key comfort colored with the gentle blue, the soft reds and golds of the sky at twilight. It's really a rather small room, but thoughtful scaling and arrangement have given its owners space for many activities. Part of their fine collection of miniature furniture is displayed—and turned into a focal point—behind the ample conversation area (*left*). Beside a window (*right*), a table awaits the every-afternoon bridge players. Facing that, there's a Lilliputian study simply composed of a desk, open bookshelves and closed storage hidden by fabric-paneled doors. Though the emphasis is on comfort, no detail has been left to chance—and all the styles and *objets* the owners like are threaded together into a room they really enjoy.



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The world is very much with the small family room at left, a panorama of sea and mountain spread out before this house built by the Grant Co. of Hawaii for the Hawaii-Kai development near Honolulu. Nothing is cluttery in Designer Carole Eichen's two-tone scheme of tangerine and white, which frames the view in solid-color curtains and carpets and then breaks into an eye-catching plaid to hold interest when the owners turn away from the outer world. Repetition of the plaid on sofa and chair helps to minimize their bulk and offers a lesson in one way to make old furnishings seem exactly chosen for a new family room. Old wooden chairs were revved up with white paint and plaid cushions, clustered around the kind of big round dining table that saw many a family conference when other lifestyles reigned.

The outer world just doesn't exist for the inhabitants of the room at right, designed by Barbara D'Arcy for Bloomingdale's in New York. Everything is serene, neutral, tranquil, bleached wood and natural fibers, old and new coming together beautifully in a totality of inner-directedness where time doesn't matter. Touches of glitter are woven into this restful room, but the sparkle is never obtrusive. For this is a space precisely mapped out for people who enjoy the quieter pleasures—writing, reading, listening to soft music—who want to look up and see a view only of the well-loved treasures they've gathered about them.

LEFT: PHOTOGRAPH, GEORGE R. SZANIK; RIGHT: EDITOR, LESTER GRUNDY; PHOTOGRAPH, BILL HELMS.
BOTTOM: PLAYROOM: EDITOR, NANCY CRAIG; PHOTOGRAPHS, MICHAEL DECOULOS;
SITTING AREA: EDITOR, JAMES DE LONG; PHOTOGRAPH, GEORGE R. SZANIK

four special *views* on the *way* at-home space can fulfill a specific personal need

A specific place for a specific time in life—both rooms at right exemplify this thinking. The Miami playroom for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shaw is a superb realization of children's needs. Stashaway spots abound. Furniture is sized for little people to use and move, although Designer Judi Rudolph Male included three Shawnee-Penn chairs for parents' visits. The floor is partly in Astroturf, partly in Amtico vinyl—so no one can blame it if toy trucks don't move—all as durable as the Textolite-laminated cabinets. Its crayon-box accents were alternated for eye appeal, but we'd guess it's easier to remember that puzzles go behind the "blue door" than behind the "first door." In anticipation of the day when bikes replace the yellow "Big Cat," the old doors were left on the converted garage—but given a new look with "Peanuts" antics.

The nook at far right is envisioned as a newlyweds' sitting room in the 1972 Showcase of Interior Design display house sponsored by the Junior Philharmonic Committee of Pasadena, Calif. Eleanor Hemstreet has planned it as an up-to-this-minute refuge for young moderns who like pungent colors and green growing plants, chrome and leather mixed with an antique desk and Indian artifacts. In a separate room here, its thoughtful concentration of items would sit just as handsomely in an apartment ell or as a mini retiring room in a corner of a larger space anywhere.











a new-found prize becomes the spirited, sophisticated foil for long-time favorites

Easy-wearing, like a just-right dress you can slip into and go almost anywhere. For its owners, the familiarity of the billiard room above is literal—it is a room in a new house (seen also in our July issue, pages 36-41) planned by Designer Ron Collier to accommodate well-fitting furnishings from their former home. For guests, it has that familiarity of spirit that is both comfortable and comforting even on a first visit, exactly suited to drinks and talk before the fire or to the commanding whacks of a game at the 100-year-old billiard table. The 18th-century Boisserie paneling, fitted in piece by piece, determined the size of the room, which draws its effortless ease from the sophisticated use of old and new in tandem: Josef Albers prints around the used-brick fireplace, geometric carpeting beneath a traditional tray ceiling. And though the leather and brass, the brown plaids and stripes and overstuffed sofas and chair give it the air of a masculine retreat, it is one of those rooms that a woman enjoys because she, too, can feel at home there.

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to shelter their *every* leisure hour, a live-in sculpture of cedar and steel

Sheathed in soaring cedar walls that converge into a three-story-high peak, the room at right and below is the dynamic result of the collaboration of three artistic, design-versed people. Bob Reed is an art director at an ad agency, Mrs. Reed a fashion director for Celanese. And Architect Louis Sauer, a sculptor before he became an architect, found both receptive to such fine-arts expressions as the sculptural fireplace of cold-rolled welded steel, the intriguing cutouts. This family/living room is very much the center of entertaining at the Reeds' Mount Washington, Mass., weekend-vacation house, yet it is ever easy to maintain. Radiant-heating coils embedded in the terra cotta-colored concrete floor keep it as warm in the winter as it is cool in the summer; zip-off-for-washing seersucker covers stripe the cushions on the long seating platform; architecturally interesting niches store records, stereo equipment and books. Adding to the over-all impact is the way the interacting smaller spaces become individual showcases for prints and paintings, many of them by Reed himself. In the dining area (*below*), the whole ceiling drops to an intimate height above a Lemeau-designed Parsons table in the deep wine hue of a 1938 Buick. Clerestory windows on the vertical wall and two slanting skylights clothe daytime life with light and canopy nighttime fireside gatherings with a romantic cedar-framed map of the constellations.

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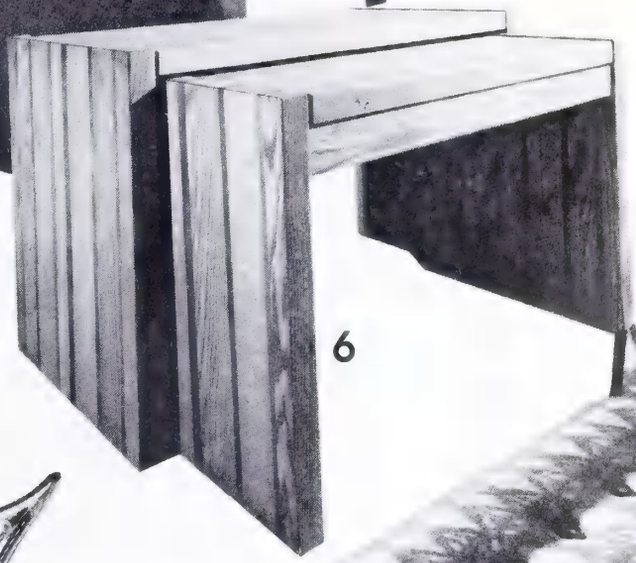
The things of the spirit meet the things of the mind . . . in a group of showcase furnishings designed to give any at-home space security about its public face, freedom from private worries over wear and care. **1.** Make way for the new wave from the East. It's a gentle Oriental wind, eloquently expressed in a bachelor chest topped with bookcase hutch—just a touch of brass in the campaign handles, just enough simulated wicker on the drawer fronts. To sit in 30 inches along a family room wall, from Broyhill's "Pacemaker" collection. Each unit is about $80. **2.** To go by that much-preferred fireplace, a low, cushy chair and matching ottoman, by Henredon. Available in a range of fabrics and leather, the chair, a comfortable 40 inches wide, is about $540 and the ottoman $190 in these Scotchgarded rayon/linen/cotton stripes. **3.** As the party grows and grows, pull out more of these Moreddi folding chairs in chrome tubing with black or white ABS molded plastic seats. To store away in a sliver of space, at about $33 each. **4.** They are named "Lively Things," and so they are—in a Pucci upholstery in beige with black and orange stripings. But they might also be called flexible things: Chairs bunch together or sit alone; the bolster comes off to make a chair an ottoman; a white molded plastic top goes on to make an ottoman a table. Bolsters are specially designed not to fall off if seats are set out from wall. By Domani division of Burris Industries. Chair, about $160; ottoman alone, $120; ottoman with top, $160. **5.** A new variation on an old favorite, the ice cream set, all sleeked up in chrome-plated steel with cane seats and a 36-inch glass-topped table. By Bassett Mirror Co. Table, about $125; chairs, $60 each. **6.** A space-maker in two parts, to use separately or together. Nesting tables from Conant Ball's "Sierra" collection in the all-important natural look in solid oak and walnut. The outside table is 26 inches wide, 18 inches deep, 19 inches high. The set, about $150. **7.** The substantial étagère, in arching oak with smoked glass end panels. Each unit, 38 inches long, 75½ inches high, 15 inches deep; about $310, in American of Martinsville's "Hallmark" group. **8.** A sofa to relax on—Howard's "Viva" design in honey-finished oak. To go with cane insets on the arms, a Herculon fabric in a cane motif. With reversible cushions, choice of fabrics; 85 inches long, about $350.





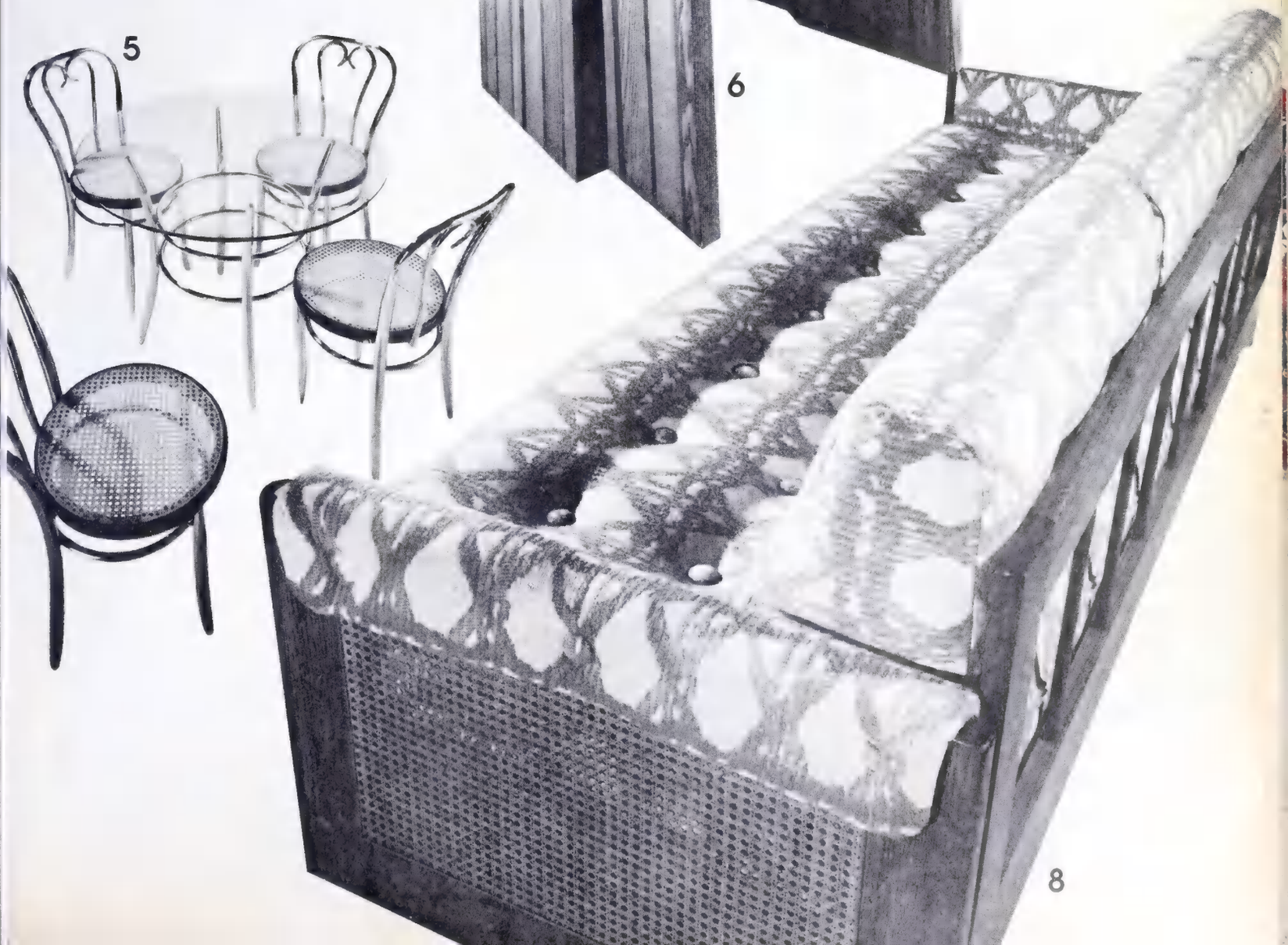


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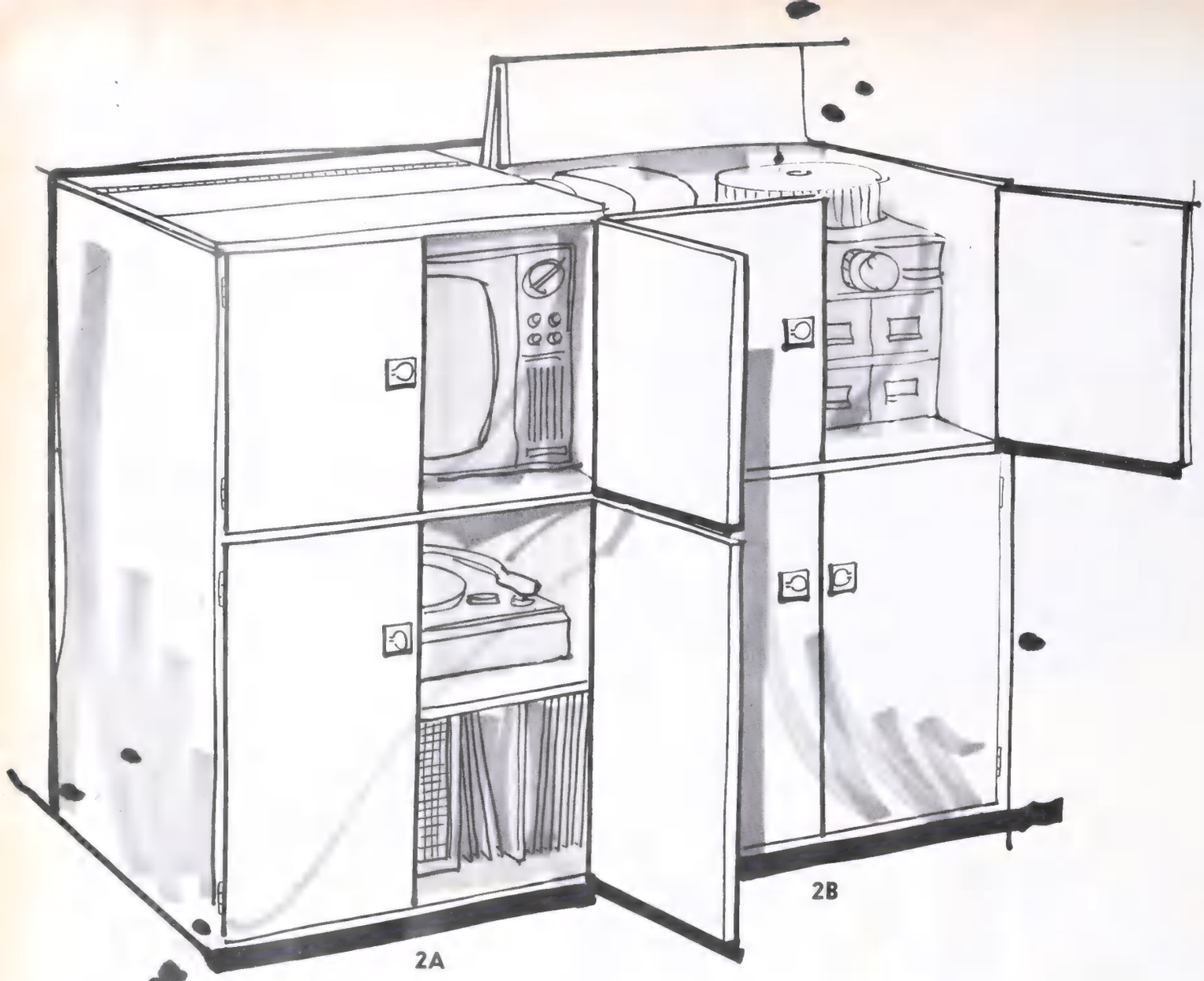


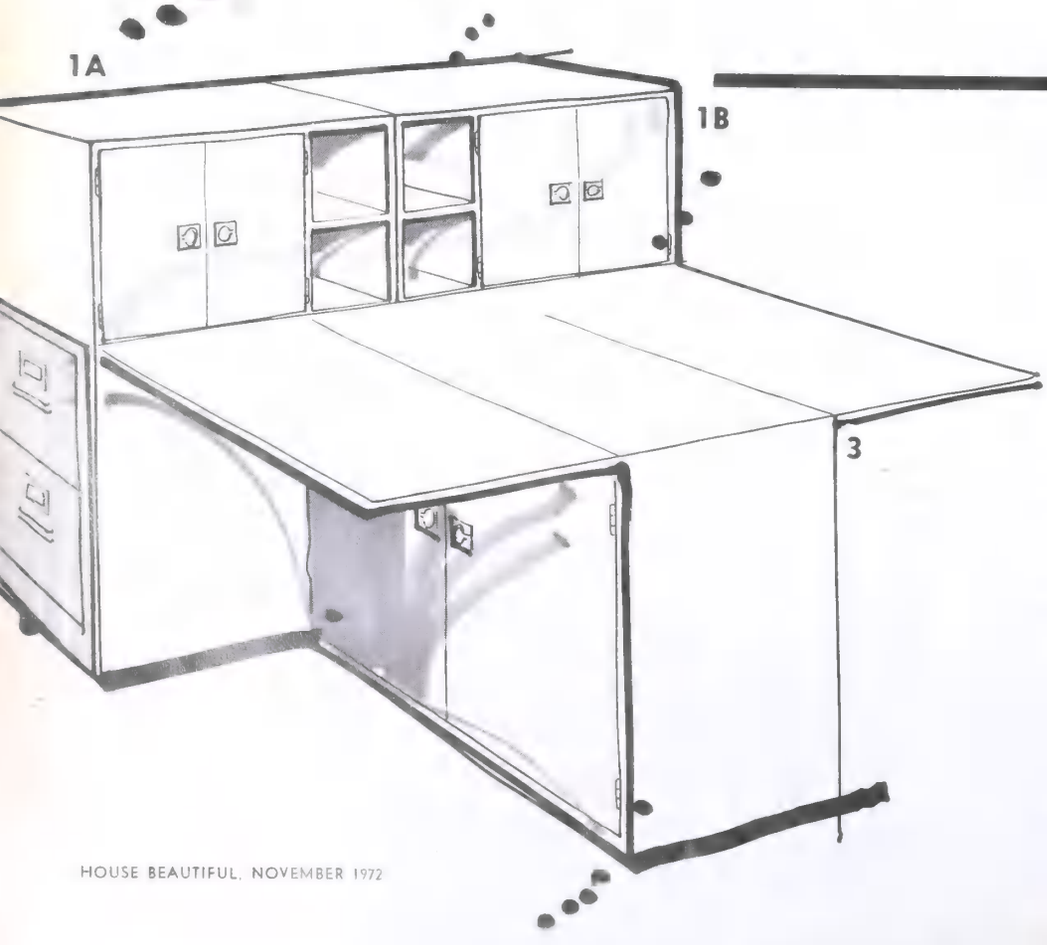
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banish clutter with this functional family storage center you can tailor to your needs

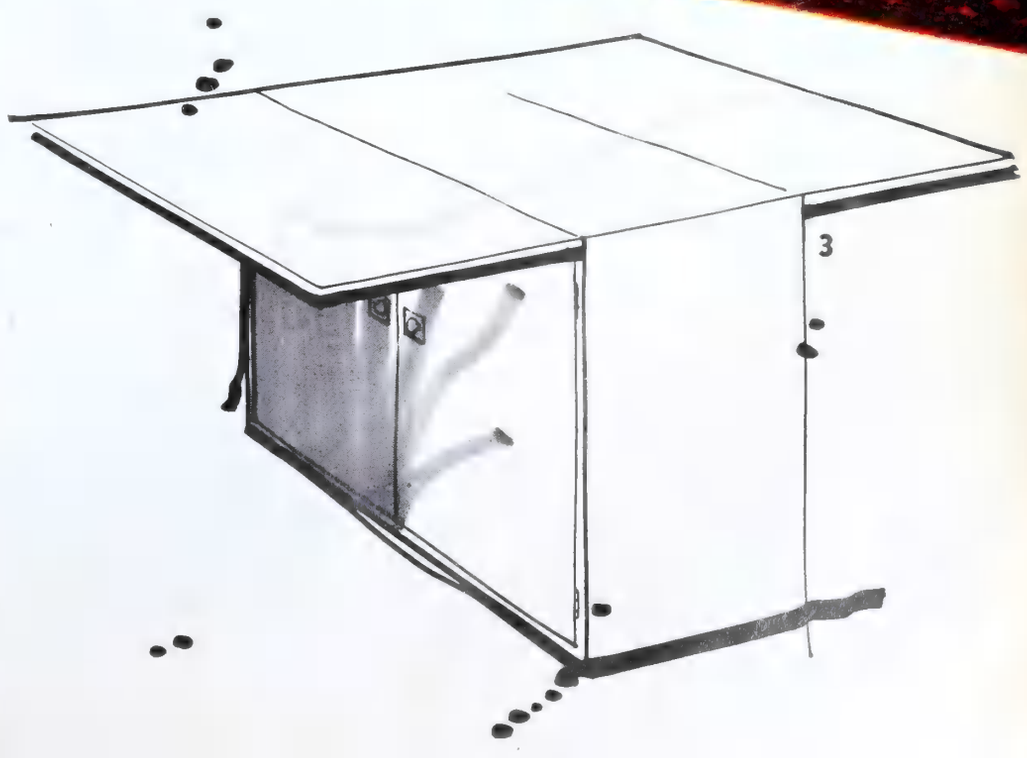
Because we believe every family needs a place to study, a place to conduct household business and to store attendant papers and books, we asked Designer Arvid Orbeck to suggest solutions to these home study/storage problems. His plans detail four separate units to suit individual needs, each built of ¾-inch DFPA grade-trademarked plywood with recessed brass door pulls. The study center (*in color at top right*) combines file units 1A and 1B, storage units 2A and 2B, desk unit 3 and book/plant shelf unit 4. As shown, it requires a floor space 58 inches wide by 72 inches deep. The standard two-drawer metal files in units 1A and 1B may be spray-painted to suit any color scheme. Slightly modified in size, with knee-fold tops allowing access to equip-

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ment, matching units 2A and 2B (*top left*) may be used together as a home entertainment center. In this version, each unit measures 29 inches wide by 48 inches tall by 22 inches deep. There is space for a large-screen television with video tape player, a stereo with turntable on pull-out shelf, one speaker in each cabinet, FM/AM radio, movie and slide projectors, plus storage for records, tape cartridges and films. Units 1A and 1B with desk unit 3 (*left*) make a study island/room divider. Unit 3 alone (*right*) with 36- by 58-inch top may be used as a study desk or dining table. The doors beneath open to a storage space of generous size. For a set of plans for all units, send $1 to the American Plywood Association, Dept. W-645, 1119 A St., Tacoma, Wash. 98401.

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Welcome an old family friend—the reclining chair. Reminisce a moment and think back to times of relaxing in tilt-back comfort, feet up, drifting into euphoria. With its kingly dimensions and sense of purpose (working for the comfort you prize), it's always been a chair most in demand by the avid TV watcher or cat-napper. Now the 70s have made a few changes in the friendly recliner. What's new? A range of styles from traditional to avant-garde to suit the decorating motif of any family room, large or small. And familiar? Chairs vary in seat depth and back height, but all will provide super-supine ease. Relax!


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FOR COMFORT: AN OLD, OLD FAVORITE

10 recliners that let you lean back and relax


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(1) For that moment in your day when nothing would seem better than spending the next few hours in blissful comfort, the answer is Kroehler's Relaxer. The supple, deep-toned vinyl is button-tufted throughout. Body pressure operates the Relaxer—just lean back and choose your own reclining position; ottoman-base sweeps up for leg support. About $170. (2) A great, roomy recliner with the boldest touch of the tartan—that's the "Plus Chair" and matching ottoman by American of Martinsville. Select your degree of reclining comfort: the ottoman stays at perfect leg-support height. Both chair and ottoman are on a walnut-stained hardwood base and available in the plaid as shown or in a wide selection of fabrics. About $275. (3) The corner of a smaller family room could be just the right place for that recliner you'd like. But will one fit without overpowering? Flexsteel says yes with its "Mystery Chair"—the scaled-down recliner that gives full-sized comfort when in use. Just lean back and the headrest ascends while the foot support extends forward. About $270. (4) The wing chair—a classic of design that's loved for its high-backed sheltering feeling—acquires another point in its favor. Pennsylvania House has analyzed the form of the wing chair, then engineered it for full-sweep comfort in the "Jefferson Recliner." Available in a range of fabrics, it's from the Concord '73 collection. About $340. (5) Ethan Allen introduces a more feminine look with the Cap Arm Rocker Recliner. Springless balances recline you with the slightest of body pressure, adjust into three positions. Covered in a subtle-sheen woven striped fabric, this chair is a soft addition to a family room—or any room. About $230. (6) To complement the informality of the multi-use family room or to add a dash of elan to decor, look to the "Commander" reclining chair by Burris. The spare-line construction features an exposed white-finished hardwood base, shown here with a lemon-


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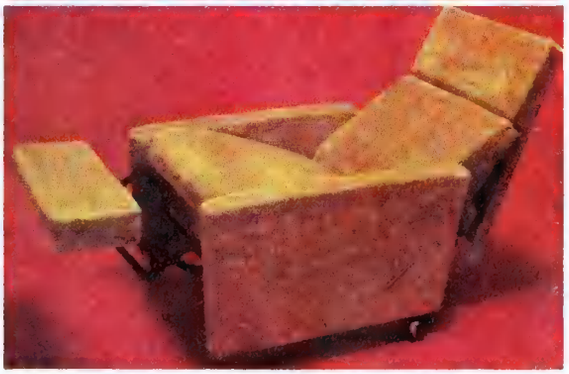






yellow vinyl upholstery. Recline naturally—the chair moves with you. A choice of fabrics. About $150. (7) Is paucity of space the problem in your den? With Berkline's "Wall-Away," innovative design solves the minimal-space problem. It's a fully operating recliner but needs only three inches of space from wall to recliner back. About $250. (8) Simplicity of form makes a powerful statement in Thayer Coggin's cotton suede-upholstered recliner designed by Milo Baughman. The chair maintains a streamlined grace as it tilts back, adjusting into four restful positions aided by the flip-out headrest and foot support. About $300. (9) The devoted comfort lover in search of a recliner with high style and lush texture will find the La-Z-Boy "Lounger" a sybaritic delight. Dacron polyester pile is accented with vinyl straps over the arms and headrest. The side lever "Comfort Selector" operates the three-position footrest; natural body pressure tips the chair into reclining position. Approximately $250. (10) The chair with distinctive tailoring and a finely sculpted look is Stratolounger's "Lo Back." The reclining mechanism works smoothly as you tilt back. Concealed headrest lifts up and footrest extends to provide full body support. About $250.













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By SUSAN LEWIN ☐ Sprawlers take note: Floor pillows are flowering into a decided furniture form. No longer a hassock here, a large throw pillow there . . . big, soft, sensuous pillows are being designed and made specifically for the floor, often with the scale and proportion of more conventional furniture. And don't think for a moment that floor-sitting is a phenomenon of the teenager or the budget apartment-dweller. This new direction means that pillows are perfectly at home—but not restricted to—the casual informality of family rooms. They're fitting into place as well in the relaxed atmosphere of a bedroom or within the sparseness of the architectural/environmental anti-furniture approach to living rooms. There's no doubt that among the best-looking of the current crop of floor pillows are those covered with recycled remnants of Oriental carpets, but then doesn't the whole idea of floor-sitting have Eastern origins? Equally interesting are those worked in geometrically cut felt, nubby hand-woven wools, fluffy furs and the newest polyurethane foam or those stitched in shiny needlepoint yarns. Rectangles, circles, squares, cubes, the true shapes abound—but look, too, at carpet-covered pie-shaped wedges, a ball that unzips into red-white-and-blue segments, a double-pointed, person-sized arrow to relax on. Pillows are fun and they're showing up everywhere. (For more information on all the giant-sized floor pillows pictured here, see "Floor furniture" on the contents page.)

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FOUR DESIGNER ORIGINALS

...entertaining with an individual flair

'when we entertain, we always sit on the floor and have Chinese food. It's totally relaxed and intimate. How can you be uptight sitting on the floor?'

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She is Miriam Marshall Boyriven—radiant, gentle-voiced, articulate lover of the world she's been around 50 times or more, the impresario of those magic boutiques called Port of Call (Bendel's in New York, Gidding-Jenny in Cincinnati, Harold's in Minneapolis). A diplomat's daughter, she was born, she says, with some sort of wanderlust—on a ship outside Haifa—lived her childhood in Israel and Australia, schooled in Switzerland. In her teens she fell under the spell of the Far East, its mystic, very human people, its bejeweled gold and silver opulence and especially the exactitude and artistry of its craftsmen who now produce her enchanting designs—the jewelry, bibelots, Cambodian silver animals, lovely paraphernalia in a romantic aura of ivory and peacocks.

Several months of her year are spent working in India, Hong Kong and points east. The remaining time she and her French TV producer husband, Patrick, divide between France, Jamaica, Australia and their New York apartment, where you see her as she might preside over her favorite Chinese dinner, among her favorite inter-Oriental things—a peony-scented, candlelit ambience, a tribute silk cloth set with lacquers, porcelains and cabbage faience for a menu of sweet and sour soup, cracked crab with black bean sauce and fresh ginger, Chinese vegetables barely cooked so you taste their green freshness, cold, cold fruit—lichee nuts, pineapple and orange slices. With it all—Champagne.





'I've a tendency to underplay, understate—the way I design clothes. I never entertain on a large scale. I prefer four to six people and keep the menu simple'

That's Geoffrey Beene speaking, the fashion designer whose clients are always "best dressed" whether or not they're on anybody's "best dressed" list. He's a stickler for purity of line, simplicity, neatness and this philosophy of the essential is reflected in the way he lives and entertains. He had four years of medical training before he opted for design, went to France, studied at the Chambre Syndicale d'Haute Couture Parisienne, apprenticed under the great Molyneux. He believes his study of anatomy has been a major influence on his attitude toward design, considers his years in France to have been the most esthetically decisive in his life.

He lives in a Manhattan maisonette, in a clean-cut surround of furnishings, many acquired in France. He entertains at dinner every Thursday and Sunday, keeps the guest list small so conversation may flourish, limits the cocktail hour so guests can better enjoy the dinner wine, taboos hors d'oeuvres as detractors from the meal itself. His favorite menu is a well-seasoned, thick Creole gumbo served over rice, accompanied by a simple salad, followed by fruit or cheese, but never, never dessert. Tableware is classic Wedgwood and Jensen silver, and he cites his chrome obelisks as examples of the pure form he most admires, preferring their crisp gleam to candlelight. And there is always on the table one of MacDonald Forbes' inimitable potpourris of flowers. Afterward, guests move to the sofa area for coffee and conversation.

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FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION















'I like a movable meal, each course in a different part of the house. The smaller the table, the better the conversation, and food should be the kind you can't get in restaurants'

Kenneth Jay Lane's entertaining style is as vivid as those enamel bracelets and door knocker earrings that early on made the KJL initials synonymous with smart jewelry design. He started his career designing Christian Dior shoes, discovered his flair for jewelry working on a buckle, says he subsisted for a time on tuna fish sandwiches. His passion is for Persian and the sumptuousness of Mogul India. His New York townhouse brings these choices together with an echo of Delacroix and the 19th-century's preoccupation with Turkish corners and Muslim exotics.

Surrounded by elegancies, he prefers to entertain informally in small numbers but deliberately creates a sense of crowdedness and movement because this keeps a party lively. Guests take cocktails, quail eggs and caviar around a small living room bar, go to the kitchen to be served, then dine in the draped, divaned dining alcove from plates of French *chinoiserie*, drinking wine from Persian enameled cups. Later, it's coffee, rainbow sugar and always *eau de vie* (Framboise, Mirabelle, Poire William) in the living room or out in the garden. A favorite dinner: squab, Brussels sprouts and chestnuts, lemon soufflé. Always white fish for a luncheon—and frequently his favorite, plain American stewed tomatoes, rhubarb, baked apple, gumbo. He likes bare tables loaded with colorful mixed treasures, uses flowers sparsely but insists on having toothpicks in interesting holders.

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in a house that glows throughout the year: 'good talk and good food are as necessary to me as the urge to create. In fact, they stimulate and sustain that urge'

For Titian-haired Southern California Designer Geré Kavanaugh—who makes no distinction between the joy of living and the pleasure of working—the art of entertaining is a bright and basic thread that appears throughout her busy professional life. "Good talk and good food are as necessary to me as the urge to create. In fact," she says, "they stimulate and sustain that urge."

As background for her richly variegated creative activities (she designs fabrics, ceramics, murals, sculptures, wallpapers, houses, offices, restaurants, exhibitions—and even town clocks), she chose this arched, white-walled Spanish townhouse for her home and studio. Part of a rambling enclave of five apartments, it gives her a just-right combination of privacy and communal security.

A house for all seasons, its spare interiors are an ideal foil for the colorful minglement of things—crafts, folk art, found objects—that she makes and collects. ("I'm a devout pack rat!") The simple architectural forms provide a neutral setting for an endless variety of informal entertaining arrangements.

An example of the flexible versatility of the house is seen in these two versions of the dining room. Set for a Christmas buffet breakfast (*left*), its chandelier and cloth-covered ceiling are festooned with silver tree ornaments. Arranged for a springtime sit-down supper (*right*), the chandelier becomes alive with a flight of white-paper doves and crepe-paper zinnias, all from Mexico.

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Although the house can receive large groups comfortably, Geré Kavanaugh prefers to limit her entertaining to no more than a dozen guests at a time. "A hostess can barely get around to talking to 10 or 12 people during the course of an evening and still do justice to serving them properly," she feels. But the visual impact (or "eye music," as Frank Lloyd Wright used to call it) of her parties gives them a gala sense of excitement that is usually associated with the bustle of much larger crowds.

The transformation of her living room from a serene, morning-filled space (*lower left*) to the flickering, candle-lit scene of a Christmas Eve party (*right*) is another instance of the range of the Kavanaugh lifestyle. The white sheepskin rug, the Marcel Breuer chairs and the round coffee table of her own design are still there but they have been invested with the glow of another world. Besides the addition of tapers and votive candles to every available surface, this metamorphosis was accomplished by the simplest of means. For example, the resplendent, starlike object that hangs just to the left of the arched entry is a wood ball drilled with holes and filled with Mexican candy suckers. It is suspended from the beam by a hank of yarn.

The arches, including those forming the connecting passage between living and dining rooms (*left*), are outlined with bold bands of color, not as an exercise in op art, but to commemorate a double rainbow she once saw in Ireland.

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HOW TO BE A HAPP

By CONSTANCE BOGEN □ A party is planned. An intimate dinner for three or four couples? A grand-scale buffet, an informal barbecue, a chatty cocktail party? They can be memorable all, no matter how simple or exotic the cuisine. But there are secrets that give any party a touch of distinction, and no one knows them better than the woman who must entertain frequently, the woman for whom party-giving is an expected part of her husband's business life or her own career. Here, 25 women—who each entertain to perfection—discuss their feelings on what makes any party a memorable occasion.

"Our home is a happy one—there's always singing and dancing and laughter," says Mexican-born Rebecca Ortero de Alexander, wife of Interior Designer John Alexander. "And we like to extend that same good feeling to our guests." Mrs. Alexander loves to entertain, particularly giving a dinner party for eight or 10 in her Santa Barbara, Calif., home. Smaller groups allow her to know everyone better. "I like to find out how people think. There's so much to learn. Larger parties are too superficial and they end up being an exhausting experience."

'The introduction of a *new* person *always* makes a party more meaningful'

Her ingredients for a successful evening include—besides the personal touch of her gourmet cooking—a lively blend of personalities and interests. She also sees the combination of American punctuality with a Mexican sense of fiesta as adding up to what she calls happy action. "Mexican parties are marvelous—they go on and on," she comments. "But American ones are too short. We like dancing, moving around, not only talking and drinking. What I seek for my guests is to come on time, carry on and stay as long as possible."

Carolyn Horchow of Dallas, Texas, prefers leisurely, "extremely informal" entertaining. Her food is important—always homemade, never catered—but Mrs. Horchow, wife of Kenton Collection President and Georg Jensen Chairman Roger Horchow, agrees that for a great party, "obviously, a good mix of people."

A cooking enthusiast, she does not like to experiment with an untried dish on her guests. Rather, she thinks that party-giving is simplified if she can use one of her more unusual but well-mastered recipes. A favorite dinner is a barbecued pork roast (the sauce is made by a cook in a tiny restaurant in Little Rock, Ark., and sent to Mrs. Horchow by her mother), corn pudding and homemade peach ice cream. To complement the informality of the menu, the table is set with a denim tablecloth, bandana handkerchiefs for napkins and a centerpiece of bright pepper plants. (She always prefers plants over cut flowers.) For some parties, dinner might be an authentic curry she was taught to cook by an Indian friend.

'The atmosphere is most important'

Mrs. Horchow loves her mirrored dining table—which seats 12—because it's versatile and "fun to use." Crystal, candles and silver-colored flowerpots reflect dramatically on the surface, and clear Plexiglas place mats that "give the illusion of no place mats at all" catch just enough light to add to the glittering look.

The wife of the Iranian Consulate General Djamal Hatam, Ilse Hatam entertains at her home in Chicago at least once a month. She, too, believes the guest mix is crucial: "It's important that the right people are together and that they have something to say to each other."

Mrs. Hatam prefers a group of 14 for a relaxing dinner. Though her husband loves for her to cook, "especially German food like Wiener Schnitzel," most dinners planned around Persian foods are cooked by her Iranian help. Fruit begins such dinners; the main course is an exotic *khoreshe* (cubed beef that's sautéed and then stewed with celery and condiments), *bagali polo* (a dish made of lima beans and rice delicately flavored with dill) accompanied by *must*, Mrs. Hatam's own homemade yoghurt. Dessert is a fruit ice cream. After dinner, she follows the Persian tradition of offering fresh fruit and pistachios and serving tea in small glasses every half hour.

'What matters is a personal touch'

Yearly, on Oct. 26, Mrs. Hatam celebrates the Shah of Iran's birthday with a spectacular two-day gala. For Americans, there's a catered dinner-dance. One room in her home is "transformed with carpets" into an imperial atmosphere—carpets cover the floor, are folded over big cushions for floor-sitting and "There are even Persian carpets hung on the walls." An orchestra provides the music.

Ruth Doyle Blain and her sister, Carm Doyle, are two spirited women who share ownership of Doyle's, an haute couture shop in Billings, Mont., and a fondness for entertaining. Their skilled teamwork in cohostessing makes every party a special event. Mrs. Blain speaks highly of her sister's gift for decorations: "Carm is an artist at arranging bouquets." And, says Carm about Ruth: "She'd rather entertain than eat."

Both believe that party success begins with a prepared, enthusiastic hostess who welcomes her guests into a festive atmosphere. In the summer, they plan outdoor parties in their lovely and secluded garden—flowers, candles and hurricane lamps arranged by Carm. Cocktails and hot hors d'oeuvres are followed by a main course of baked ham, creamed chicken and hot biscuits. A favorite dessert in the summer is brandy freeze; in the winter, a warming Irish coffee. Large parties—planned carefully at least two weeks in advance—are buffet-style. On occasion, they plan a menu to be prepared and brought in by a catering service.

"What I like best about the parties I give," says New Yorker Jane Evans, president of I. Miller, "are my friends. They do a great job of entertaining each other. Everyone's relaxed and enjoying themselves." And providing that casual, easy atmosphere is her primary goal. "What you eat or drink is always less important than having fun with other people. My parties are *for* people."

'People *who* are interesting keep the juices flowing'

With her hectic business life, most entertaining is spontaneous. "I don't like to think about planning a party a month ahead. A week is usually enough preparation." Cocktail parties, usually a mix of business associates and close friends, always have the personal touch of her homemade delectables for every plate.

Jane and her husband, Shoe Importer George Sheer, have just moved into a roomy Park Avenue apartment that's "built for entertaining." In her new, "enormous" kitchen, she loves to fix a favorite Italian dinner for friends—a huge bowl of pasta garnished with a special sauce, served with a salad and garlic bread. Precise measurements in the sauce remain her secret but the added fillips are

HOSTESS 25 noted party planners tell how they entertain

"tons of basil, and cream cheese stirred in five minutes before serving the pasta."

For a formal dinner, her boomerang-shaped glass dining table is set with custom-made Ginori china, candles, sterling silver goblets from Spain, Gorham flatware and handmade linen place mats. The centerpiece is either a silk spring flower arrangement or cut flowers.

Florence Sewell is a woman whose enthusiasm for entertaining is evident in each of her legendary parties. The wife of Chicago Restaurateur and

'I never give a party unless I select a theme and dramatize it'

Realtor Ike Sewell, she is an imaginative hostess who thinks out each party with a novel approach. "I never —but never—give a party unless I select a theme and dramatize it."

With Mrs. Sewell, there is always a theme worthy of celebration—whether it's an exotic menu with corresponding decoration, a seasonal tribute or an event in a friend's life. A self-proclaimed "whimsical person," her parties reflect a wonderful sense of fancy. Friends moving to California were regaled with a "Heading West" motif and buffet served from a chuck wagon.

As elegant as she is whimsical, Mrs. Sewell often entertains grandly at the Sewells' Chicago restaurant, "Su Casa," or in a private room at the Tavern Club. At home, a favorite dinner for 10 includes individual caviar mousse and iced vodka, crown roast of lamb with a wild rice and mushroom stuffing, beets in casserole, minted pears and a dessert of a crème brûlée topping poured over fresh strawberries and served with a bubbly Taittinger Champagne.

A festive mood, relaxed guests and an "unharried" hostess are the three essentials for superlative party-giving for Mago Hunt of Portland, Ore. "A hostess may work like crazy before the party," says the wife of Georgia-Pacific President William H. Hunt, "but when her guests arrive, she should relax and not let any frantic attitudes show."

Mrs. Hunt's secret? Meticulous preparation. "If I'm having many guests for dinner, I always keep a seating diagram in my foyer for them to check when they arrive. And, of course, place cards at the tables." The menu is one she's sure her guests will enjoy. For her husband's business associates, she will choose a "manly, hearty" meal—double-stuffed pork chops, potatoes, apple pie and cheese. At intimate dinners for 10 or 12 (her preference), Mrs. Hunt specifies black tie, since "Portland is one of the most social and dressy cities I've ever lived in."

Her dining area is small, but she sometimes serves up to 28 dinner guests with graceful strategy. Guests are divided into three groups, each group seated in a different room. "So no one feels slighted," the tables are set with the identical linen, crystal and flower arrangements. Mrs. Hunt will hostess one table, her husband will preside in the dining room and one of his executives at the third.

Mrs. James Binns, wife of the president of Armstrong Cork Co., feels that a successful party begins with an interesting mix of people. But to establish a warmer ambience, she's always sure that everyone at the larger parties in their Lancaster, Pa., home, "has a friend there."

When Mrs. Binns entertains more than eight guests (a recent sit-down luncheon in her garden was attended by 120 women), she hires a favorite local cateress who cooks at the Binns home and supplies the waitresses and bartenders as necessary. Mr. and Mrs. Binns plan menus together ("My husband is often the one to change a menu. If he can possibly wangle a beef entrée, he will."), and dinner fare is selected with utmost regard. "I like to look up something different while trying to visualize the typical guest and what he would like. Most people can be pleased with some imagination and thought."

Large-scale entertaining might be Mrs. Binns' cachet but she does love cooking, though "it's a great luxury for me to have a cozy party." For these, Mrs. Binns usually cooks one

'A prepared hostess always makes her guests feel welcome'

or two of the dishes herself—the others are prepared by her housekeeper. Always the ready hostess, Mrs. Binns keeps the "makings" on hand for a favorite hors d'oeuvre—artichoke hearts stuffed with caviar —should her husband bring business associates home unexpectedly.

Her mixed table settings show variety and color: red monogrammed china she bought at auction and blue "Medici" Staffordshire, dessert plates hand-painted by her mother, Victorian cranberry glass goblets and monogrammed silver.

Janet Diederichs is the owner of the Chicago public relations firm of Diederichs and Associates and wife of John Diederichs, director of corporate planning and development for Sunbeam. "Good food and guests who are interested in talking to each

'If the people are right, you know the party will succeed'

other are important factors for party success," she says, but adds, "in my experience, it's somehow more meaningful to build a party around the introduction of a new person to a group of friends—ones I know share his interests and would like to know him."

Actively involved in her own career, Janet much prefers an intimate dinner party—often arranged for Sunday evening. Her husband is the family's "great and confident" cook, while she claims to be his "lab technician." Favorite dinners for four to six guests are pork or chicken en-

'Good food ties the party together'

trées, steamed vegetables and a "beautiful" salad, with Janet tending to the soup and dessert-making.

When the Diederichs entertain more than six, she hires a cook. To get best results when you must use a hired cook, she says, "find out what they're comfortable doing." For more than 12 coming in for cocktails, she hires a bartender. But she again and again asks for the same favorite helpers—"it helps keep things personalized and done the way I like."

There is no set pattern to the various styles of entertaining of Mary and Bob Broadbent, executive vice-president of Higbee's in Cleveland. "We very seldom entertain formally in winter. In the summer, we might spend a very informal evening three Sundays in a row. We're an athletic family and much of our time is centered around tennis or skiing."

When Mrs. Broadbent gives a large party, she begins her planning three weeks in advance. "The hardest part of any party is getting the people you want and deciding the menu." She hires a favorite catering service when guests number more than 18. "I always plan the menu with them. The service brings everything and does all the cooking here."

Table settings are composed on her philosophy that "everything does not have to (*Continued on page 164*)


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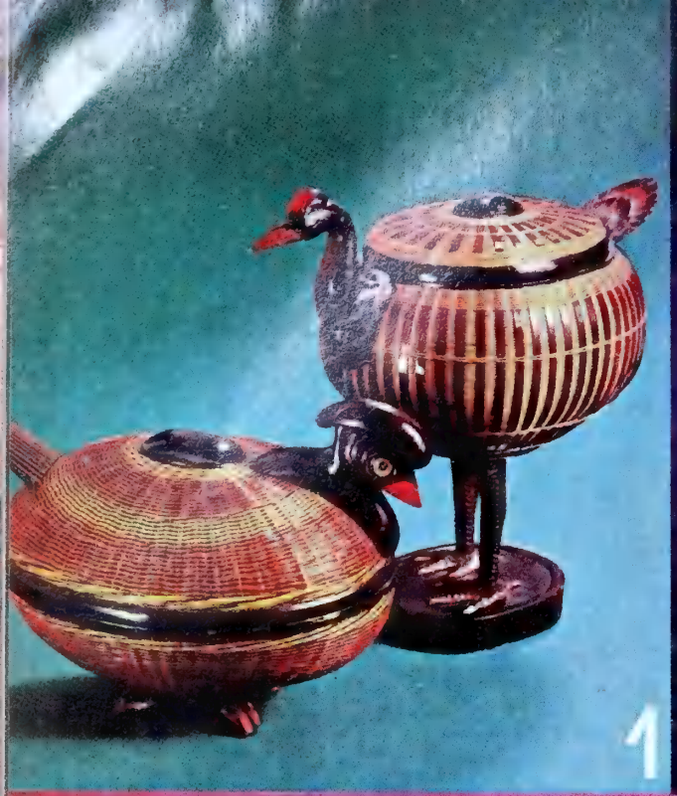
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Party flowers. Fresh. Fragrant, but not too.
A mélange of color, subtle and soothing. Flowers placed thoughtfully, yet casually, so that each blooms in its own right. These are the hallmarks of young florist Robert Miglio. For a harvest feast in the spirit of Thanksgiving, Miglio updates the cornucopia (left), brimming an antique market basket with flowers, fruit and vegetables. After the party, the petals may be dried for sweet-smelling potpourri (above), the edibles eaten. Nothing is contrived. Nothing speared, nothing wired. Miglio simply placed flowers in two flowerpots filled with water-soaked Oasis and anchored them among the fruit and vegetables. The basket of flowers (below) represents classic simplicity and naturalness for the table. Colors are upbeat, fragrances light. An endlessly fascinating bouquet with blooms placed so they reach out to be plucked and sniffed. For more ways to enjoy cut flowers and a collection of newly shaped vases, see "How To Be Your Own Florist," contents page. ☐ *By* ELVIN McDONALD





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We've done the work for you! Among thousands and thousands of gifts for the home, HB's staff has picked the best with you in mind. Decorating Editor Lester Grundy, who gives presents to "my Establishment friends as well as the Up-to-Daters," explains his *modus operandi*: "For both, I consider gifts that are not just gimmicks, but ones that really work and are, despite a giddy face, practical. I'd never give anyone something I wouldn't want for myself." (1) A Chinese footed bird in double-woven lacquered straw, $75; a sitting woven lacquered chicken, $45. These fantasy baskets hold potpourri or just grace a low table with their whimsical outlines. Robert Webb Inc. (2) "One can never have enough mirrors," so here is a white plastic branch-framed mirror in lacquer finish, a cartouche shaping for today's Mix in a foyer or living room. $495, Paul M. Jones Inc. (3) For friends who collect oversized books—"art books, for instance, as I do"—a nicely scaled magazine rack with twisted wood detailing and cane paneling that might be of great delight at the end of a sofa. $209, by Milling Road, a division of Baker Furniture. (4) A piece of pop sculpture, the chevron-patterned tabouret table in lacquered brown and ivory would be nifty next to an overscaled sofa. $450, Karl Springer Ltd. (5) Peach-lacquered wave-pattern cocktail table, Art Deco in mood, "for my jazzy friends." $850, John Mascheroni Inc. (6) Glimmering, shimmering snake candlesticks of clear Lucite, $65 each, Albrizzi Inc. (7) "This tea table is definitely Establishment, but it works despite the scalloped details and delicate lines." A tea table works? "What I mean," says Grundy, "is that it's just the right height and large enough for tea things. No great bending or clutter." In mahogany. $470, Kittinger Co., division of General Interiors. (8) Natural vinyl/linen/leather safari sling chair and pull-up seat for, obviously, *his* (not her) den. About $320 for both. Dux, a division of General Interiors.

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Associate Decorating Editor Natalie Schram has chosen three gifts with her own preferences in mind. She obviously likes purple. "Is there anyone with a sense of style who doesn't?" she asks. (9) A hoot of a rug is this purple owl-patterned rug, handmade in flat weave and hand-printed in Denmark. This one is three by four feet and is $59, but if you like, the pattern is available in larger sizes. Concepts International. (10) New by Dansk, in Ms. Schram's favorite purple, transparent plastic bar items: ice bucket with top, $14; pitcher, $9; tray, $9; tumblers, $1.50 each. Cini-Nils stainless steel ice tongs, $17.50, from a collection of bar accessories at Bonniers. (11) For anyone who likes to curl up in a most exotic setting for sipping Champagne, what better place than this canopied rattan bed by Tropi-Cal, lacquered purple and paneled in a brand-new heavy silk Jack Lenor Larsen fabric. What price Oriental splendor? $540 for the lacquered finish shown; $495 for natural finish; fabric extra. From Lord and Taylor.


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Design Editor Susan Lewin's personal choices vary from a handsome contemporary table to a colorful hobby horse, and her reasons for each selection are explicit. (12) "Every child should have a hobby horse, and I thought this would be perfect for my son." An Indian import, this fine steed comes in red or black cloth with mirror and bold embroidery. It is approximately $45 at Sona of India. (13) Because "I love to cook with beautiful pots, I assume other people do as well." And for those on her list who do, Ms. Lewin chooses stainless steel [illegible] designed by Nina Sarpaneva. S[illegible] $25; medium, $30; large, $[illegible] stew pan, $35; kettle, $21. Ro[illegible] Stadin Haus. (14) "This tab[illegible] beautiful and can be used for [illegible] at a desk." It has an aluminum [illegible] with a chrome finish and is available with either black or white top. Designed by Sergio Asti, the table is $995 and available at Knoll International or Georg Jensen. (15) "As I envy organized people and would like to encourage their good habits," Ms. Lewin suggests a Harvey Probber desk accessory system that ranges from a simple 12-unit case for $50 to $295 for the largest, complete with all the accessories. Individual accessory prices: tape dispenser, $20; pencil sharpener, $24; coin dispenser, $28; calendar, $38; timer/alarm, $43; vase/pencil holder, $13; lidded box, $10; lighter holder, $8; card file, $36; clock, $98; clothes brush, $25; ash-tray, $10; four-unit and five-unit lidded box, $11 and $12. Available through architects and designers at Harvey Probber showrooms across the country. Retail source, Arango. (16) Another choice, this Aurora Borealis patchwork pillow, designed by Dorothy Weatherford for Mountain Artisans, is a one-of-a-kind in red, yellow, green and blue. Made of velvets and cottons, 30 inches square, it is stuffed with Dacron and has an appliqué design. Although you may not find this exact pillow, versions of it are sold in stores throughout the country. Sofa pillows range between $20 and $40. (17) Ms. Lewin suggests for "the most elegant Christmas gift of Christmas 1972," these gleaming sterling silver bar accessories in ridge patterning, designed by Massimo and Lella Vignelli. Ice bucket, $685; pitcher, $250; shaker, $200; cigarette box, $175. At Cartier.

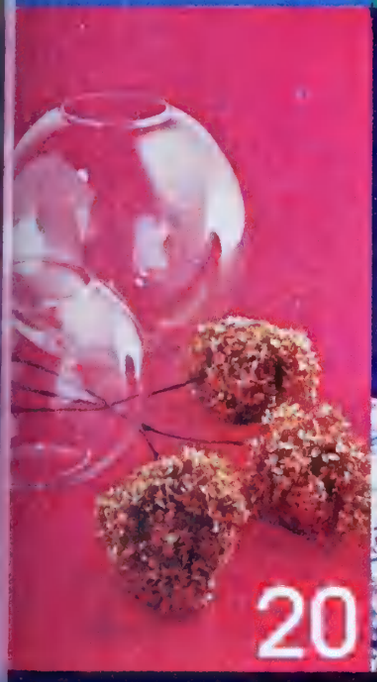
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Assistant Decorating Editor Phyllis Bartlett has uniquely fond feelings for Christmas (even with the frantic shopping involved) because it's a day in celebration of herself. "It's my birthday, too," she says, "and when I buy presents, they are always things I'd like for myself. I manage, however, to think of the persons I'm buying for." (18) Tiny boxes in whimsical animal shapes of Cambodian coin silver. The large gold-dipped Foo dog, $385; small Foo dog, $50; fantasy pig, $110; hen, $110. Menagerie from Henri Bendel. (19) Child's play? "I once gave these geometric wood blocks to an architect because they seemed appropriate." In blue, yellow and orange, each side of a block is a different color. These stack, as shown, in many ways. "Although officially a child's toy, it's a version of worry beads, and a worried adult can worry with them." Set of 16, boxed, $5, Childcraft. (20) Bubble balls can be filled with flowers, rocks, or shells or used as terrariums or fish bowls. The large bubble ball, 16 inches in diameter, is $22; smaller size, 12 inches in diameter, $10, Gimbel's. (21) A practical thought from a luxury shop: Porthault permanent-press sheets. Now you can enjoy this firm's deliciously flowered sheets even if you don't have—or use—a hand laundry in your neighborhood. In the "Mille Fleurs" pattern, set of two sheets and two pillowcases are $195 for twin size; $270 for double bed. (22) "Rain Song" twin bedspread is machine-sewn by North Dakota Indians. Thunder clouds, rain and lightning in snappy graphic manner. Springs Mills, cotton-and-Kodel polyester, quilted and stuffed with Kodel fiberfill. $125 at Higbee's, Burdine's, W & J Sloane, San Francisco. (23) For a friend, Ms. Bartlett chooses clear acrylic place mats that open so fabric of your choice can be slipped between the two layers. Place mats, $12 each from the Carlin Shop, Saks Fifth Avenue. Fabrics are from Connaissance Fabrics Inc. from a collection by the Bedford Stuyvesant Design Works. Through decorators. (24) Mango-shaped box in Cambodian coin silver "just because I love it." $60 at Henri Bendel. (25) Stacking trays in plastic; designer, Millicent Zahn. $20 ea. Bergdorf-Goodman.


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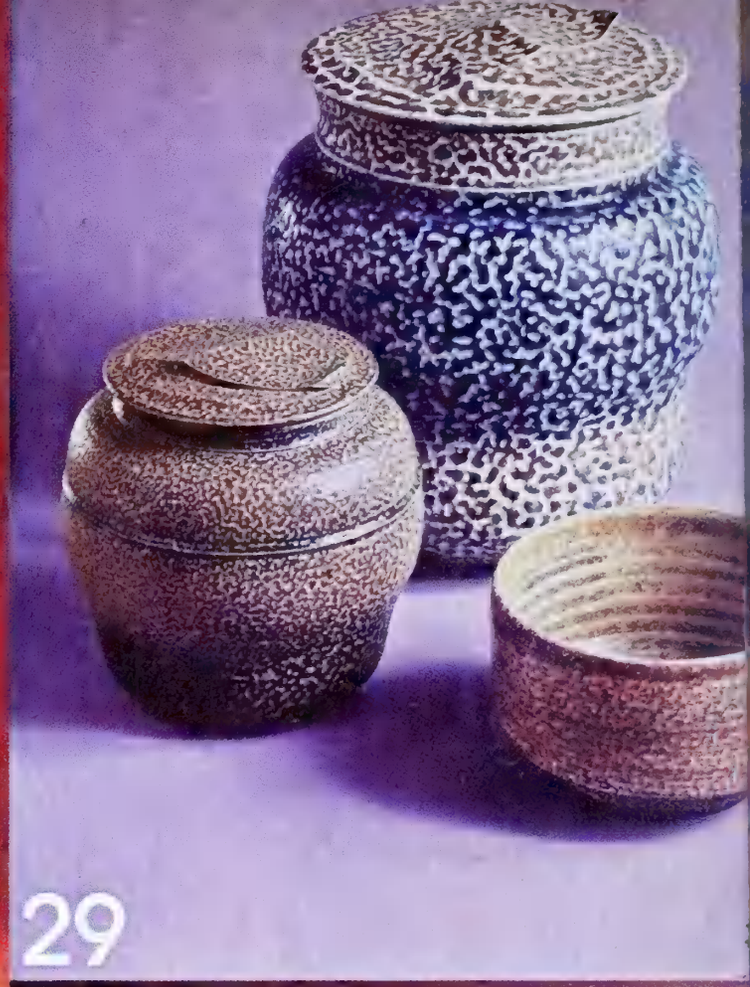


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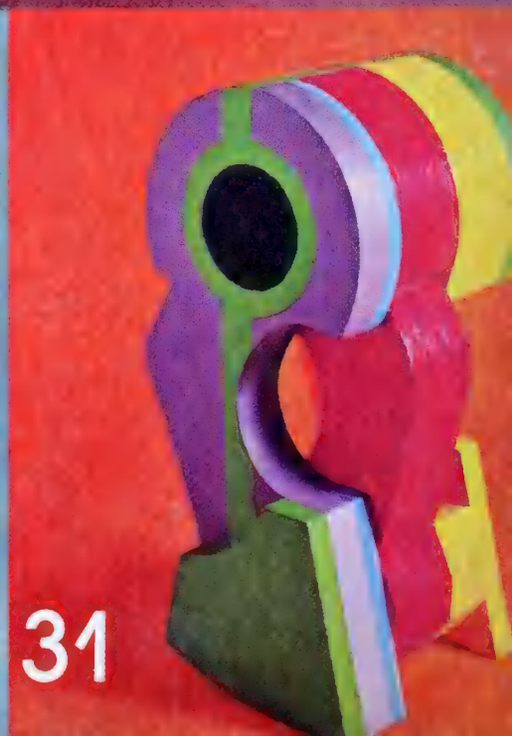
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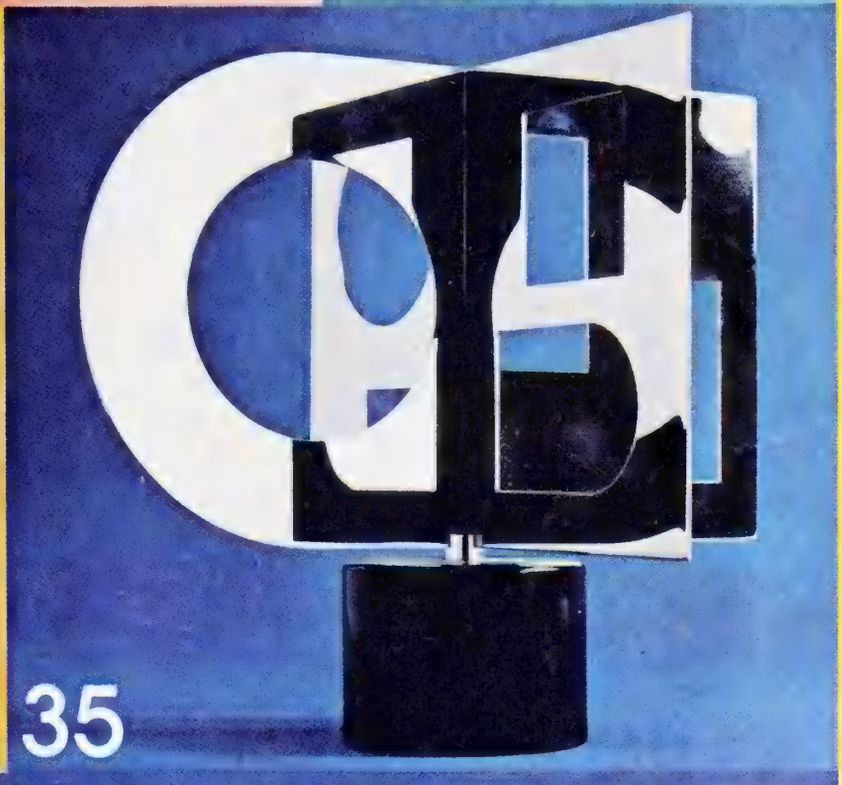


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Whether it's pure art, pure crafts or a mixture of a bit of both, gifts in either of these areas are the essence of human participation and inspiration. Art and crafts gifts are decorative, often useful and always a pleasure. The following objects were chosen by Art/Crafts Editor Anne Ogden as the Christmas gifts she would most like to give. Art and crafts, like all gifts, are highly personal choices and they should reflect the tastes (and often the decor) of the receiver. The prices range from $3 to $160. (26) Shawabty sculpture, a reproduction of a piece from Egypt's XII Dynasty (about 1850 B.C.) in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Available at the museum's gift shop, $15.95 postpaid. (27) Duck-shaped vase, a reproduction of a Cypriot antiquity, dated about 1050-850 B.C., in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Also at the gift shop, $13.45 postpaid. (28) Patchwork hippo, $16 from Appalachian Spring in Washington, D.C. (29) A selection of Salt Glaze ceramic pottery by Karen Karnes. These are examples of wheel-thrown stoneware in a traditional technique, notable for its texture, that is popular among today's artist/potters. The American Crafts Council Gallery, New York, has samples of her work in prices starting at about $15. (30) Dog, a whimsical cut-paper "sculpture" by Jean Srebnick, from the Museum of Modern Art, New York. He sits and stands and is available at the museum shop for $3. (31) "Little Dide," a multiple sculpture of painted wood by Todd Williams, in a signed and numbered edition of 50, from Richard L. Feigen & Co., New York, $140. (32) "Lord Lion," a lithograph signed and numbered in an edition of 200 by Henri Maik, $160 framed, from Wally F. Galleries International. (33) An assortment of brooms for hearth, work or fun, all hand-crafted and available at Appalachian Spring, Washington, D.C. The blue broom at the rear, "Witchbaby," was formed by the Berea Student Craft Industries in Kentucky, $3; the natural one in the middle by the Kear family, who've been making these for three generations, $3.75; and the red, "Baby Art-craft," also from Berea, $3. All, plus shipping. (34) A hangable Plexiglas wall organizer designed by Millicent Zahn. Messages and notes can be slipped under the clear bands. Here, it contains a variety of Christmas cards from the Museum of Modern Art (top) and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. From Bergdorf Goodman, New York, in the blue opaque shown or in clear, $22 plus shipping. (35) A plug-in, slowly revolving multiple sculpture, "Miniscupture 1969" by Nicolas Schoffer, from Editions Denise René Inc., New York, $135. (36) Cotton appliqué tapestry from Dahomey, Africa, $26 postpaid from the Brooklyn Museum Gallery Shop. The museum has a selection of these hangings, all handmade and varying in design, scale and shape. Each is unique, but the colors will be approximately the same.

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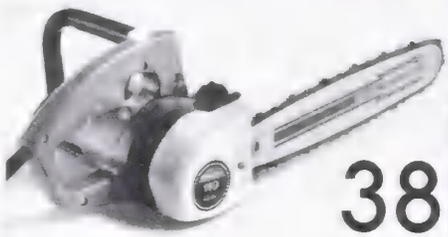
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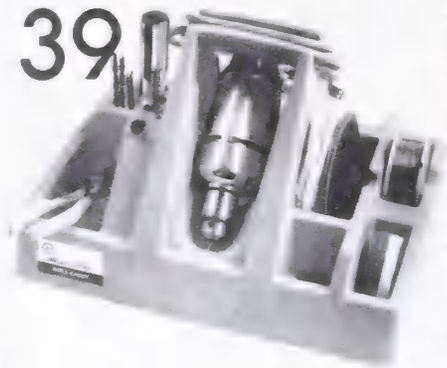
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Building Editor John H. Ingersoll likes functional gifts with a new twist. (37) The Turtle is one. Plop it into the pool and it moves around cleaning algae and dirt. "And a large turtle in the pool makes great cocktail party conversation," he says. Turtle Inc.; with 42 feet of hose, $575. (38) Homelite's 110 Electric is a chain saw that's a gift to the recipient and everyone else in the area. No noise, no smoke, no fumes. It weighs only 9½ pounds, has automatic clutch release and instant start. About $95. (39) "The important thing about this drill kit is that it all hangs together." Attachments for buffing, sanding, drilling, mixing are all in the molded plastic caddy. It also contains extra compartments for tools. By Black & Decker, about $30.



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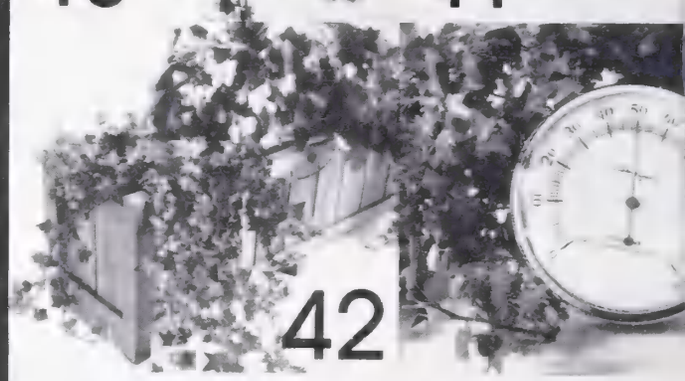


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Garden Editor Elvin McDonald has chosen nine plant-prone gifts. (40) "My apartment lacks direct sunlight in winter. With Bloom Lamp, plants thrive without any natural light at all." About $40 at garden centers or from the Park Seed Co. (41) Wicker garden basket with leather straps holds sturdy tools. "And there's extra space, too, for aerosols and flowers." At Georg Jensen or to order from the Kenton Collection; $25 plus $2 shipping. (42) Better than a flower pot—a Burma teak flower box with galvanized liner. Erkins Studios; $45 assembled. (43) "A serious gift for the serious gardener," a hygrometer to measure the relative humidity indoors. By Airguide, about $12. (44) Not a partridge in a pear tree but a swan in ivy. Tie growing ivy to armature until covered. From Spaeth Displays. Swan, $9. (45) Handcrafted stainless steel watering can will never rust or leak. "An heirloom-to-be. This will last forever." About $50 at Sutton Flower Shop. (46) "I love this teakwood plant stand because it comes from England, where gardening is a national sport." Stand holds three pots. By Ernest Sohn for Etco Industries, $15. (47) Are suburban friends forgotten? For them, cordless grass-shears with Teflon-coated blades; recharges on household current. By Disston, $32.50. (48) *The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening* (Hearst Magazines, Book Division; about $4 a volume) is comprised of 16 volumes compiled under the direction of Elvin McDonald. "I like to give a little of myself at Christmas," he explains with a smile.

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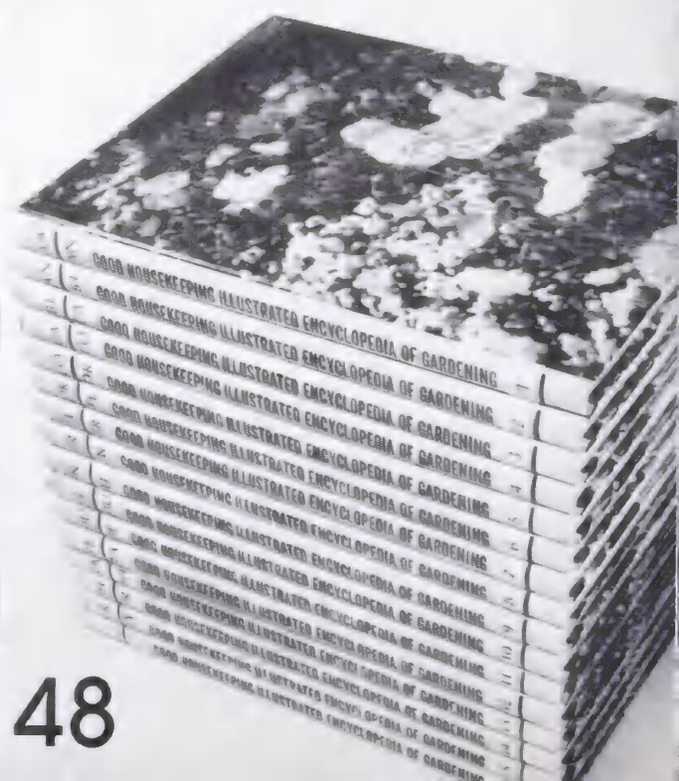


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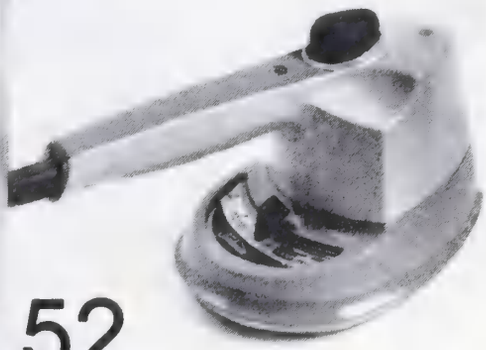
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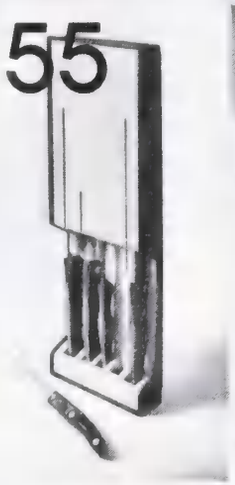
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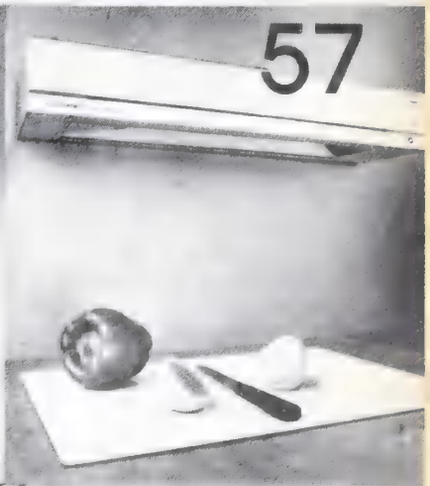




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Home Service Editor Nancy Craig thinks of the house when she thinks of Christmas. (49) The Survival Kit is for home-away-from-home: coffee pot, burner and spoon packed in a vinyl tote bag, a fry pan riding like a tennis racket in the outer pocket. Hamilton Beach, $35. (50) "I'm a yogurt hound," she says and chooses this yogurt-maker with five cups. Salton Inc., $13. (51) An electric mini-fry pan, 8½ inches across, "for my single friends or young couples." Hoover, about $20. (52) The "Today" iron/hand steamer by Sunbeam, a brilliant idea for home and travel. $18. (53) Broiler/ovens are always popular but Ronson's self-cleaning broiler/oven is truly a gift. $55. (54) "One utensil I really appreciate is a good, sharp knife." From Etco comes a set encased in the drawer of a cutting board. $30. (55) In their own holder, five knives with handles shaped for a firm grip. Cutco, about $62. (56) From Australia, Wiltshire Sharpsette—a knife that sharpens itself. Sharpeners are inside the holder, work each time the knife is inserted or removed. $10. (57) The perfect setup: beneath, Corning's "Counter-Saver," a 16 by 20-inch ceramic work slab, $13; overhead, a Corning food warmer ("I couldn't keep house without it."), $40. (58) You can sew up a storm with The Genie Sewing Machine by Singer. It's small, light, has a decorative flower-patterned panel, eminently portable. $150.

instrumenting the message of the medium: a dozen noteworthy electronic gifts that inform and entertain



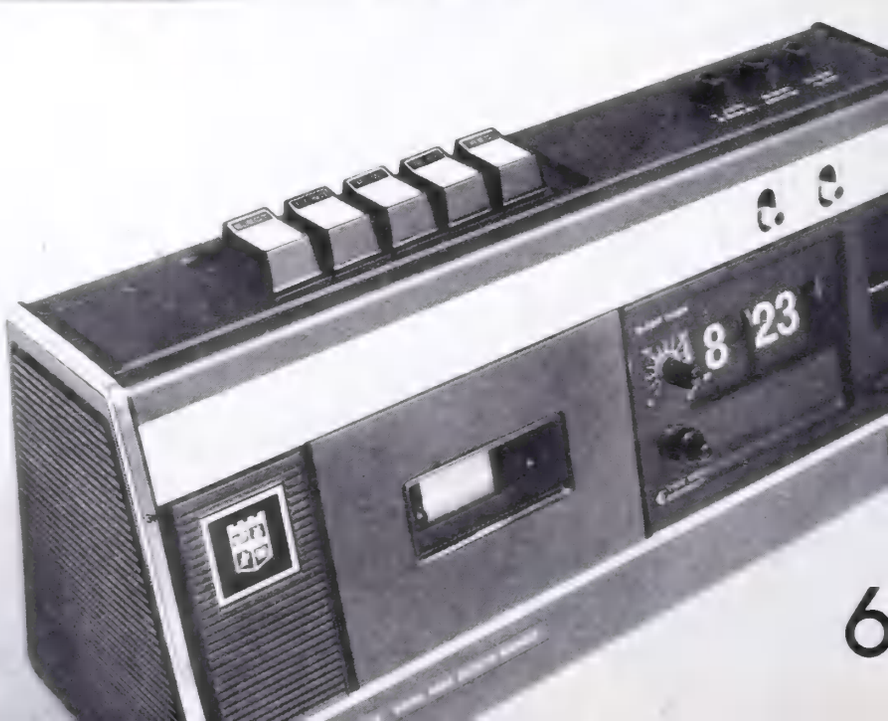
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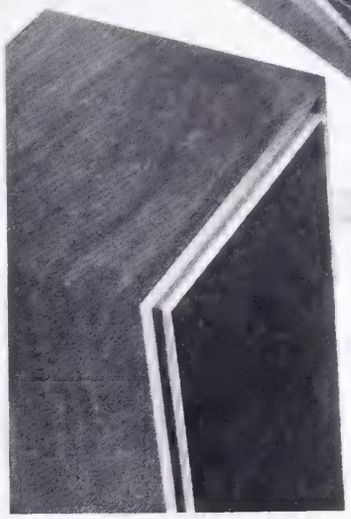
Editors Nancy Craig and Elvin McDonald have selected gifts from the vast, lightning-change world of consumer electronics. Speaking for both, McDonald says, "We lead private lives centered around large, active families. In any appliance, we look first for top-notch performance and dependability. Then we select on the basis of excellence in design—form that follows function, cabinetry of a timeless quality that will serve well the life of the product." (59) The cartridge television center, with 25-inch color TV, video tape deck and portable black-and-white video camera, is the beginning of a new era in home entertainment. Television programs can be recorded automatically for playback any time—today, tomorrow, the 21st century. "I'd like this for myself," says Ms. Craig. "What fun to film my grandson, Brian, and look at it again around 1992 when he comes to see me with his own toddler." McDonald has a standing engagement on Wednesday evenings which means he misses his favorite, "The Carol Burnett Show." "With this system I can record the show automatically while I'm out, replay it whenever." From Sears. $1,600. (60) Lunar I is a side-by-side combination of a solid-state five-inch black-and-white TV with an FM/AM radio and digital clock. Ms. Craig herself "would love to have this in my bedroom, plugged into an automatic timer to flick it off after I've fallen asleep." White cabinet on sculptured base; earphone and jack. By RCA. $160. (61) "For anyone whose everyday life ticks off deadlines, appointments and departures, we suggest this no-nonsense Dateline clock that gives date-and-day at a glance." By Bulova. $33. (62) A few years ago, if you wanted to be surrounded by sound, you had to invest in a wired-for-sound cocoon of a chair. Now you can surround a whole room in your favorite music. The System IV stereo is available with four speakers (two are shown), combined with FM/AM receiver. It plays the new four-channel records as well as regular stereo. Walnut veneer cabinetry with brushed aluminum. By Philco. $450. (63) This FM/AM radio also plays eight-track stereo tape cartridges. Sphere in white or chrome yellow, 12 inches in diameter, may be hung from ceiling, set on a shelf or mounted on wall. AC/DC or battery; stereo headphone jack. By Weltron. $175. (64) The size of a softball, with a face so aeronautical it could have been lifted out of a cockpit, this clock/radio is designed to awaken you in the A.M. to AM. Fits shelf or night table. AC/DC. By Sony. $20. (65) Is four-channel sound possible without two sets of ears? Yes, with four-speaker Quadrafones, which reproduce exceptional sound from four-channel amplifiers. Also compatible with conventional stereo amplifiers and augmented two-channel stereo. By Koss. $85. (66) The Spectrum clock is a work of art. The face changes from scintillating oranges and reds to luminous blues and violets with the sweep of the second hand. Lustrous aluminum case, seven inches tall. From Georg Jensen. $125. (67) Is someone on your list into numerology? Give them the Libra digital time system. The solid aluminum case is about the size of *Eleanor and Franklin* in paperback. Back-lighted numbers show time in an ever-changing pattern. No alarm. AC/DC. By Data Time. $95. (68) For most of us, some kind of alarm clock is a necessary evil. This one has been combined with a cassette recorder so you can be awakened by your own choice of prerecorded music or by your own dulcet voice—though perhaps that of your employer would be more galvanizing. By Magnavox. $115. (69) The YZD stereo eight-track tape cartridge player would be the perfect gift for a VPP (Very Private Person). The YZD will play in the most remote place in the world on self-contained batteries or from the cigarette lighter of automobile or yacht. Two speakers separate for full stereo effect. By RCA. $90. (70) Shiny, silver-colored metal pedestal holds the bright orange Orbiter AM radio with its own nine-volt battery. To set on a table, hang on a wall. By GE. $22.

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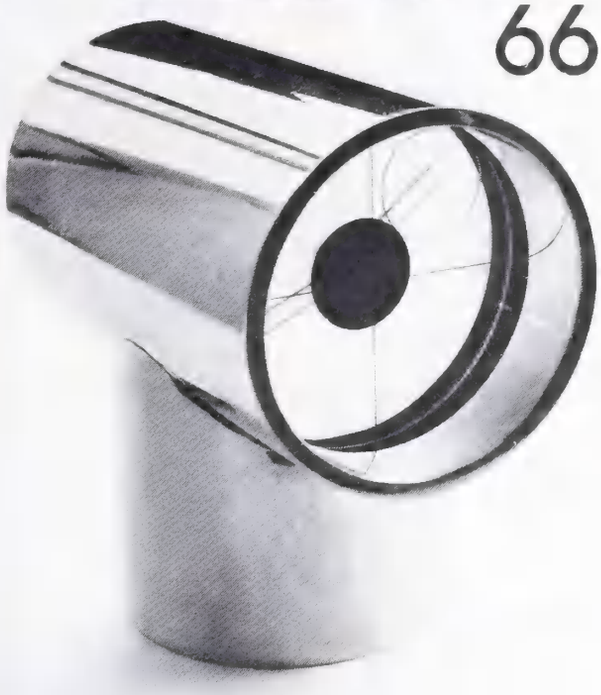
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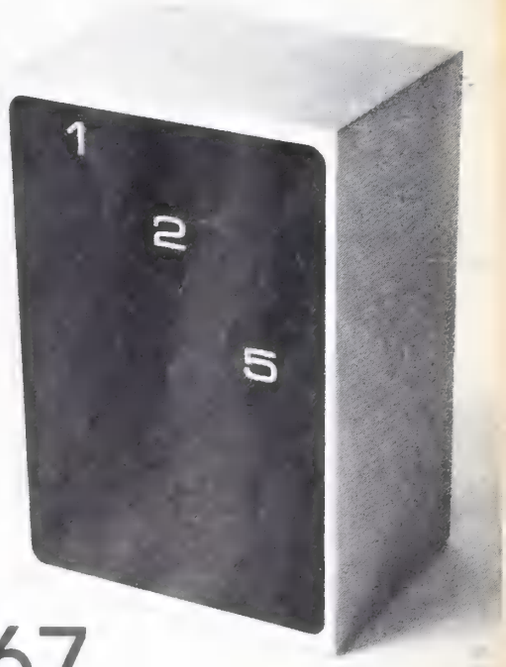
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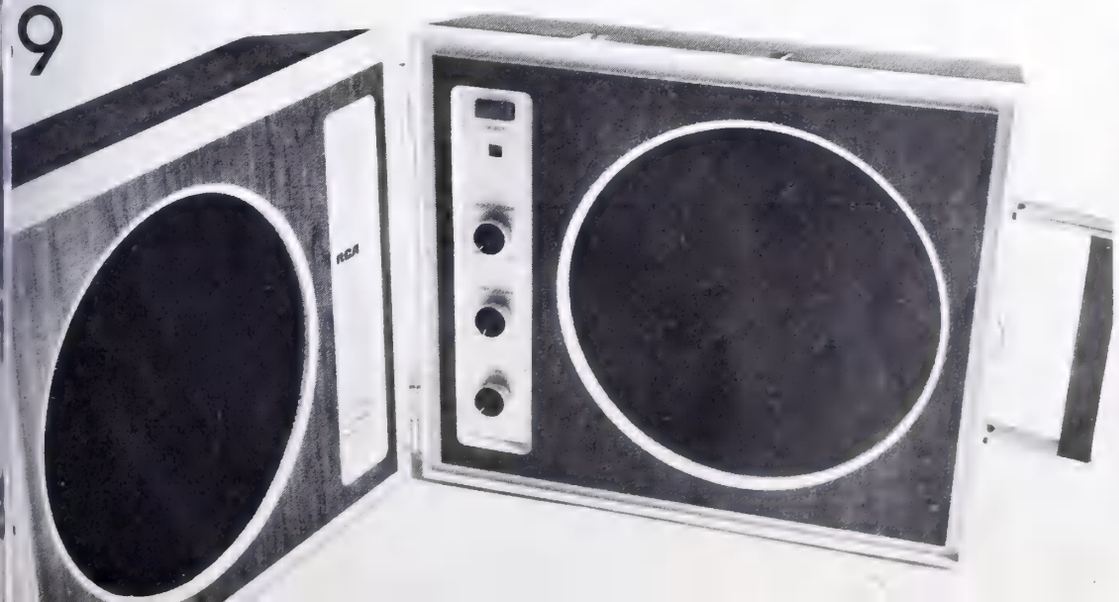


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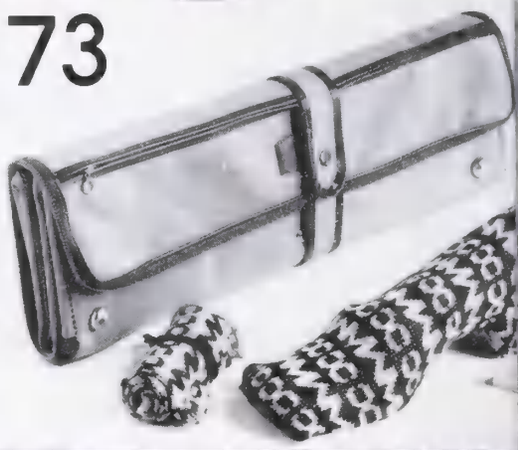


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William E. Humphreys, president and chief executive officer of ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO., is wildlife-minded in his thoughts for gifts in all three price categories. And with getting back to nature and ecology of primary concern to nearly everyone, what better theme for a holiday season? (71) For an adventure in eating or for those who simply want an occasional break from their floral-patterned dinnerware, he suggests a set of six Wedgwood earthenware dinner plates in "Safari" pattern (*foreground*). Each plate features a different animal. Series 2, $65 plus shipping charge. Pattern follows purpose in this Thermos bottle (*center*). The entire bottle, including the handle, is covered in fiber glass and it is available in either songbird or game bird design to fit in with the spirit of a camping trip or picnic. By Bacova Guild, $15 plus shipping charge. Those who like to "walk with the animals" can do so in style wearing Abercrombie & Fitch's annual scarf. Each year features a different animal—this year's choice is the king of them all, a lion boldly printed on 100% silk. $25 plus shipping charge.



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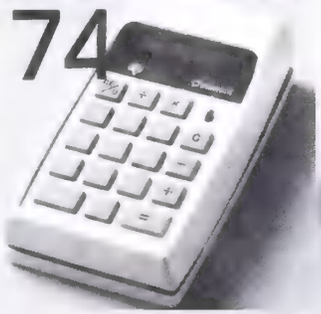
Chief executive Edward Wasserberger of MARK CROSS LTD. has some traveling ideas for gift suggestions. (72) What do executives really carry in their attaché cases? In this one, there's a backgammon game. Easily totable in a case of red or black textured calf with a hand-tooled leather field and solid brass locks and hinges. $250 plus shipping. (73) For the traveler who runs out of room for his purchases, here is a folding suitcase. Of natural textured cotton and rayon with tan vinyl trim, it features an outside zipper pocket and tan leather handle. Folded, it measures 18 by 6 by 2 inches; open, 18 by 12 by 6 inches. $25 plus shipping. To keep shoes separate from other articles in a suitcase, shoe mittens of woven cotton with the MC signature. For the shoe lover, they come six pairs to a box, in assorted colors. $12 plus shipping.

If you could choose anything in the store...ever play that fantasy game? Six retailers did, and here are their gifts in three price ranges: under $15, $15 to $50, over $50...all available by mail

Editor ANNE OGDEN



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Gifts chosen by Stanley Marcus, president of NEIMAN-MARCUS, range from the practical to the purely esthetic. (74) If his or her day is filled with astronomical mathematical problems (planning a budget, computing gas mileage, preparing income tax), a useful gift might be a pocket calculator. This one has rechargeable batteries, fits into pocket or purse. Datamath, $120 plus shipping. (75) The most interesting thing on a coffee table, after the box of chocolates, is an album of pictures. It offers a personal glimpse of the family without two hours of home movies. Selected here is an album covered in silk brocade obi fabric with an antique look. The colors are subtle to blend with any décor—modern or period; album has 20 self-adhesive picture pages. $20 plus shipping. (76) Perceptively realizing that the newest look in jewelry has an Eastern influence, Marcus has chosen a hand-enameled papier mâché bracelet from India. The bracelet was designed by Madame Jean Peral of Paris, features a bird-and-flower design in shades of red on an off-white background. Its simplicity makes it a versatile piece of jewelry for teenagers, wives, grandmothers—for anyone on any occasion. $15 plus shipping.

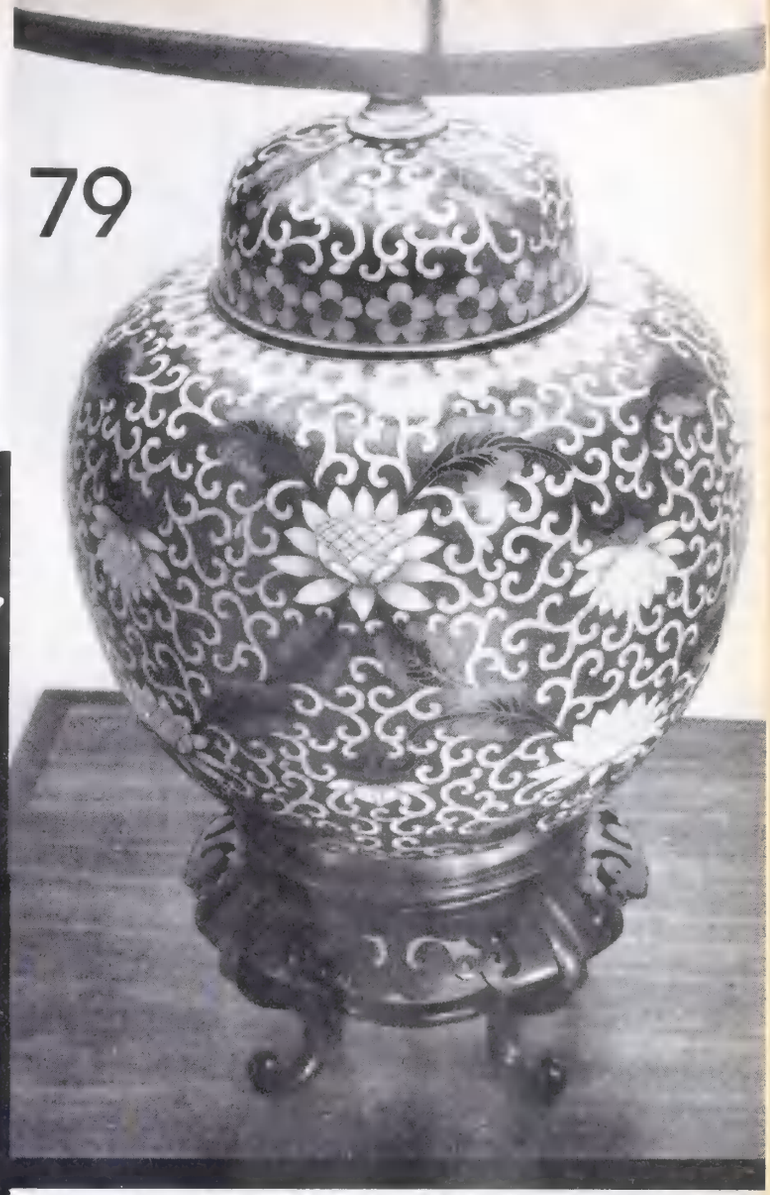
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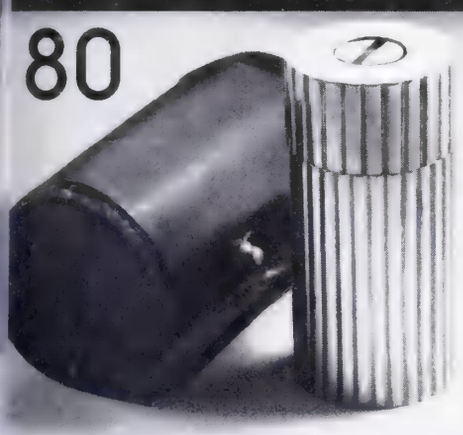


William J. Lippincott, president and chairman of the board of LORD & TAYLOR, offers gifts to play with, work with, decorate with—literally something for everyone. (77) From *The Nutcracker Suite* to Disney World, animals always seem to delight children. Why not add to the holiday magic in the nursery with a group of stuffed animals and puppets? Puppets, $7 each; monkey, $12; camel, $8. All, plus shipping. (78) Writing styles may vary but a stylish writing box will appeal to everyone. Lippincott chose this stationery box as the perfect gift for the time of year that entails so many greetings and thank-you notes. The cover is silver-colored with initials on the corner. Open it and find room to store paper on the left, a clip board on the right. Compact, it goes with you on ski holidays in winter or for summers at the beach—or to the beauty parlor to help you catch up on correspondence. $15 plus shipping. (79) Shed an Oriental light on the subject with a cloisonné lamp—a stand-out in any room setting. A type of raised enamel work done on china, the base is a multicolored floral pattern, predominantly green. $300 plus shipping.


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Dominic Tampone, president of HAMMACHER SCHLEMMER, likes the gift with a twist. (80) For the gourmet traveler, what better gift to twist than a pocket pepper mill in case the inn is out of fresh pepper? It comes in its own leather case. $8 plus shipping. (81) The next best thing to a bartender: a rotary liquor dispenser. It measures one-ounce amounts, holds four bottles. For the host who would rather mix with his guests than just mix the drinks. $175 (liquor not included), plus shipping. (82) Time on your hands? Fine during the day but at night "Time on the Ceiling" is better—an electric clock that projects the time on the ceiling for easy night viewing. A fine idea for those who find themselves squinting at the not-so-illuminated hands of the traditional bedside clock. $30 plus shipping.



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The president of TIFFANY & CO., Farnham Lefferts, chose dishes as his gift theme. Three dishes, three purposes, three price ranges. (83) If the joy of the holiday season is supposed to extend to everyone, shouldn't this also include the family pet? For pampered pups, a tulip-patterned dog dish (*lower right*) designed in Italy for Tiffany. $8.50 plus shipping. To hold anything and everything, an Original Royal Delft blue-and-white cachepot (*center*), $37. For sheer delicacy and decoration (a purpose in itself), he suggests an Oriental touch, very popular today. An imported porcelain bowl, Japanese Pine motif (*upper right*), $200.


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A SIMPLE STRATEGY FOR EASY ENTERTAINING

pick one of our two-in-one menus, choose either entree, then cook ahead and freeze or refrigerate.

The art of giving a successful party is to make it all seem (to the guests) absolutely effortless. To that end, we give you a choice of five two-in-one menus, each of which gives you a further choice of two entrées, all so carefully planned that you can set aside a few hours or, at most, a day and do all the cooking ahead—in one fell swoop. Then freeze or refrigerate. With this strategy, last-minute chores are reduced to the very minimum and you are that loveliest of creatures—a serene and smiling hostess. Recipes are given for starred dishes.

By HELEN McCULLY

buffet for 10

COCKTAILS

Fresh Shrimp Pâté* **Melba Toast Rounds**

Curried Turkey* **with Condiments**

or

Turkey Newburg*

Steamed Rice*

RIESLING

Purple Plum Ice* **Pirouettes**

Coffee COGNAC

Whether you decide on the curry or the Newburg for your party, nothing could be easier, since the turkey meat is available frozen already cooked and cut up and either one of the sauces can be made in a matter of minutes. Cooked rice freezes most successfully. Although the Shrimp Pâté doesn't lend itself to freezing, it can be prepared ahead and refrigerated. In the event curry is your choice, the condiments will take no more of your time than it takes to open a package or a can. This is essentially true of the Purple Plum Ice.

buffet for 20

COCKTAILS

Salted Filberts **Ripe Olives**

Baked Ham with Apricot Glaze*

or

Roast Turkey*

Whole Chestnuts in Butter* **Creamed Spinach***

POUILLY FUMÉ or SAUVIGNON BLANC

Mousse au Chocolat*

Coffee COGNAC

This buffet has been planned so that you can do all the major cooking the day before, and that includes baking and glazing the ham or roasting the turkey (you should allow time for thawing the turkey), cooking the chestnuts and making the Mousse au Chocolat. For 20, you will need two mousses but each of them can be whipped together in about 15 minutes. With all the major cooking out of the way, all you have to do before announcing dinner is to heat the chestnuts in the butter and drop the bags of spinach (with the turkey, you may prefer creamed onions) into a pot of boiling water

dinner for 4

COCKTAILS

Sesame Cheeses* **Crackers**

Coq au Vin*

or

Poulet Chasseur*

Boiled New Potatoes

JOHANNISBERG RIESLING

A Bowl of Fresh Watercress

Iced Lemon Soufflé*

Coffee COGNAC

Again we turn to the French for two flawless entrées, Coq au Vin (Chicken in Wine) and Poulet Chasseur (Chicken, Hunter Style)—both worthy of your most important dinner parties. And fortunately both can be made ahead and frozen. The Sesame Cheeses, a charming mixture that tastes good with drinks, can also be made in advance and frozen. Traditionally, with both these entrées, the French always serve boiled potatoes. They must be cooked shortly before dinner. As for our Iced Lemon Soufflé, it freezes well, also keeps extremely well.

dinner for 6

COCKTAILS
Stuffed Olives Potato Chips
Blanquette d'Agneau*
or
Blanquette de Veau*
Steamed Rice*
BEAUJOLAIS or ROSÉ
Green Bean and Green Onion Salad, Sauce Vinaigrette*
Meringues with Ice Cream*
Coffee COGNAC

Blanquette d'Agneau, one of those splendid entrées we have garnered from the French, is an elegant lamb stew and its running mate, Blanquette de Veau, equally elegant and equally French, is a veal stew. Both are made in exactly the same way and both can be made well in advance and frozen. Once either is made, you will have three egg whites with which to make the meringues. Rice can always be cooked and frozen, which leaves only the salad—a five-minute job.

dinner for 8

COCKTAILS
Salami Salted Almonds
Swedish Meatballs*
or
Meatballs Greek Style*
Potato Croquettes*
GRAVES or CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Cucumber Salad*
Eggnog Mousse*
Coffee COGNAC

Here you have a choice of two great dishes, one from the Swedish cuisine, the other from the Greek. In both instances, the meatballs can be made well ahead of your party, then frozen. This is also true of the Potato Croquettes and even, you may be surprised to learn, the Eggnog Mousse. In Sweden it is customary to serve lingonberries with the meatballs but you can, if you wish, substitute cranberry sauce. Happily, the Cucumber Salad improves if allowed to stand for a few days. So, prepare and refrigerate it several days in advance.

Buffet for 20

Baked Ham with Apricot Glaze

1 12- to 14-pound ham, bone in*
Whole cloves
1 jar (12-ounce size) commercial apricot jam, not dietetic

Scrape any paper labels off the ham. Loosen the skin for about two inches at the shank end. Then, with scissors, make a sawtooth design around the edge.

Place the ham, fat side up, on a rack in a roasting pan in a preheated 325° oven and bake for 3½ hours. Baste regularly with pan juices. Half an hour before the ham is cooked, take out of the oven and with a sharp knife score the fat in a diamond pattern. Insert a whole clove in each diamond.

While the ham is baking, place the jar of apricot jam, without its cover, in a small saucepan of hot water until the contents have melted. Then push the jam through a fine sieve to get rid of any pieces of fruit.

Spoon the puréed jam over the fat on the ham. Return the ham to the oven for another ½ hour or until the glaze has set. Lift the ham to a serving platter. Before presenting it, garnish with small bouquets of watercress or parsley.

In the event that you refrigerate the baked ham, set it out and bring to room temperature before carving.

*Whether it's a cook-before-eating or a fully cooked ham, it has been our experience that long, slow cooking improves both the texture and the flavor.

Roast Turkey

1 20-pound ready-to-stuff turkey, thawed

To thaw a turkey of this size in the refrigerator will take from three to four days. However, the time can be speeded up greatly if you place the turkey, *still in its original wrappings*, under cold running water. Allow six to seven hours or a full day, more or less. Since the turkey will be served cold with hot vegetables, we are not recommending that you stuff the bird or that you make a gravy to be served with it.

To roast, rub the inside of the turkey with the cut side of half a lemon, salt and pepper. Smooth the skin all over with softened butter and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Soak a double layer of cheesecloth, large enough to encompass the bird, in about 1 cup of melted butter. Drape over the bird, covering the breast, legs and thighs. Place on the rack of a large roasting pan and roast in a preheated 350° oven 5½ to 6 hours, basting regularly with pan drippings right through the cheesecloth.

Half an hour before the bird is cooked, remove the cheesecloth to allow the turkey to brown. Test for doneness: Juices should run clear when the drumstick is pierced with a fork in the thickest part and also the leg should feel soft when it is squeezed.

When the turkey is cooked, lift from the roasting pan to a large platter. Cool at room temperature, then cover with a "tent" of foil.

At serving time, garnish your bird with a bouquet of parsley.

Chestnuts in Butter

2 pounds shelled dried chestnuts*
¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter

Place the chestnuts in a large saucepan. Add enough cold water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 15 minutes. Drain. Cover again with cold water, bring again to a boil and simmer another 15 minutes. Repeat a third time—cooking, all told, 45 minutes. Rinse the nuts under cold running water and then drain.

Pick over the chestnuts, removing any clinging bits of brown skin. A sharp paring knife will be most helpful here.

Melt the butter in a heavy casserole. Do not brown. Add the nuts and toss to coat them well. Place in a preheated 250° oven until piping hot through—about 20 minutes. Pour into a heated vegetable dish to serve.

*These should be available in Italian and Chinese food stores.

Creamed Spinach

10 packages (9-ounce size) creamed spinach (in boilable bag)

Cook the spinach according to package directions, then pour into a suitable heated serving dish.

Mousse au Chocolat

1½ squares (1-ounce size) unsweetened chocolate
2½ squares (1-ounce size) semisweet chocolate
5 eggs, separated
½ cup superfine sugar
1 tablespoon Cognac
2 cups heavy cream

Melt both the chocolates over simmering, not boiling, water. Beat the egg yolks with a rotary or electric beater until very thick and creamy. Gradually add the sugar, beating hard and constantly, until the mixture makes "ribbons" and falls back onto itself. Thoroughly stir in the melted chocolate.

Beat the egg whites with an electric beater or mixer until they hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Beat about a third into the chocolate mixture with a wire whip. Then, using a rubber spatula, fold in the remainder. Stir in the Cognac.

Whip the cream until it holds a soft shape, then fold into the chocolate mixture thoroughly but gently. Pour into a large (at least three-quart capacity) serving bowl and refrigerate.

Note: The mousse can be made several days ahead. In that case, cover with foil or Saran. (*Continued on page 155*)

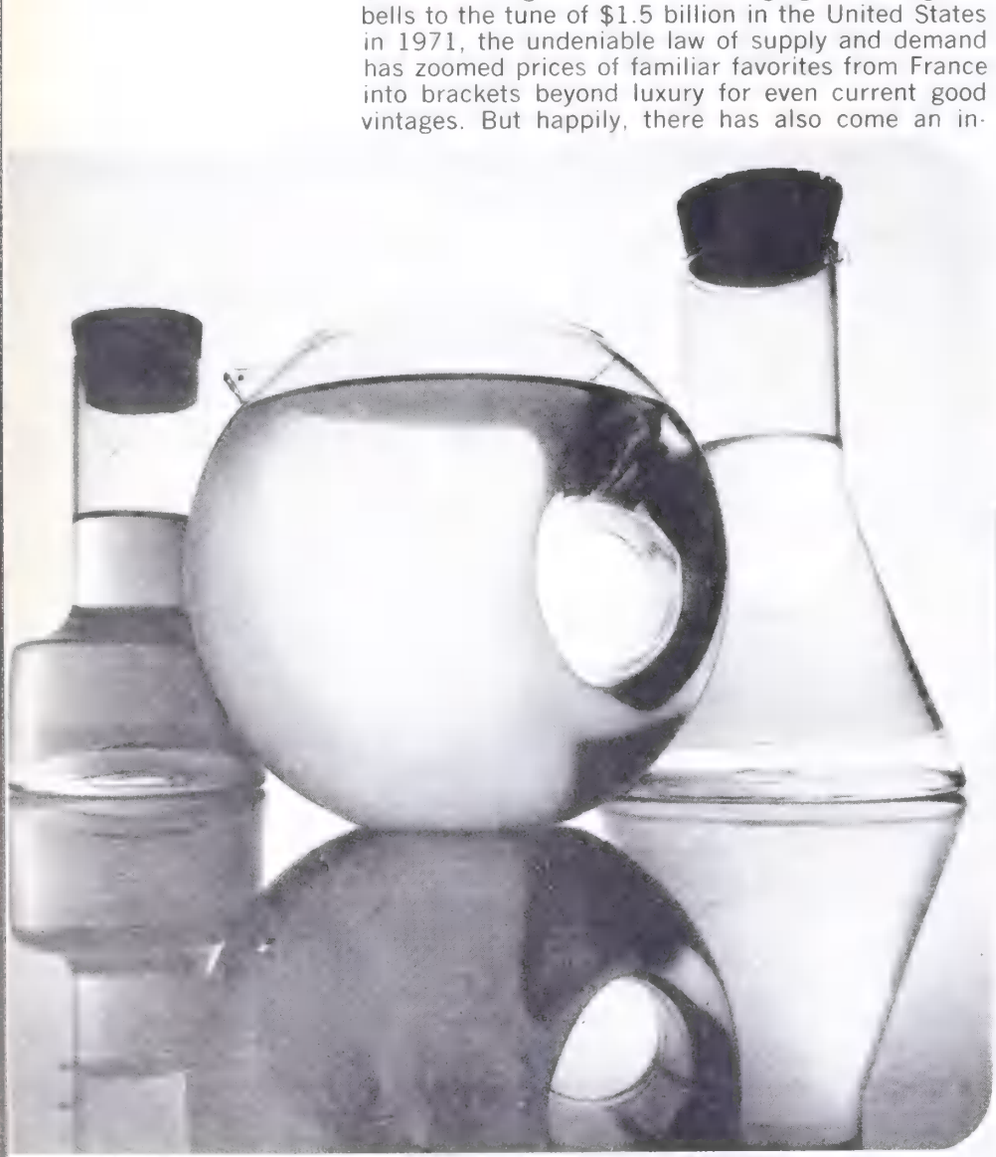
FROM JUGS TO JEROBOAMS

big buys for large parties

By ROBERT LAWRENCE BALZER □ Traditionalists with cork-pulling history are not worried by the breadth of the new wine boom, but the increased number of players in the wine game has forced even the veteran *amateur de vin*, the true wine lover, to explore new territories for the satisfaction of his palate within the range of his pocketbook. With record sales of 305 million gallons of wine ringing cash register bells to the tune of $1.5 billion in the United States in 1971, the undeniable law of supply and demand has zoomed prices of familiar favorites from France into brackets beyond luxury for even current good vintages. But happily, there has also come an increase in the knowledge of wine-making that ha raised the quality of wine of more bourgeois origins

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My good friend and articulate philosopher, Alar Watts, may not have had wine selection in mind whe he wrote: "The life of affluence and pleasure require exact discipline and high imagination," but the ke words—*affluence, pleasure, discipline, high imagi nation*—are clues to finding your way to better wine among the thousands of bottles crowding the shelves It makes no difference whether the occasion is a barefoot crowd with a taste for pop wine or sophisti cated sippers or gourmet groups, a little initial dis crimination hoists the *(Continued on page 160*





Whether a many-splendored buffet or a classic dinner for 12, there's a mood-matching decanter for serving your big-buy wine. Above, two Pilgrim flasks and a thermal pitcher from Switzerland; at right, an interpretation of the liter bottle by West Virginia Glass and an individual carafe shaped like a grape cluster. For more suggestions, see pages 160 and 161. For details turn to page 80.

PAUL JACOBSEN

To every woman who ever defrosted a "no defrost" refrigerator.

You can spend good money on a refrigerator that you're told will defrost itself, only to find that you have to defrost it anyway. Before you buy anything, Sears urges you to get a few facts straight:

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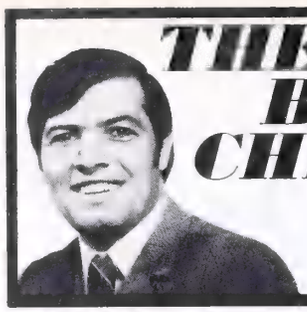
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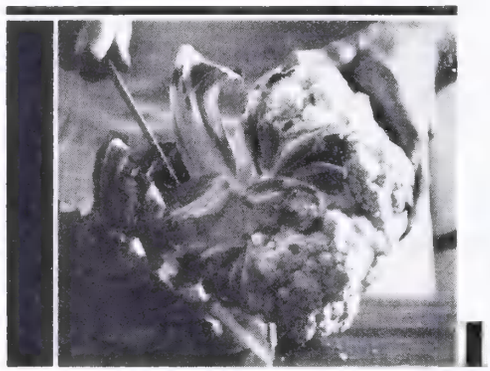


THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

How to prepare and cook cauliflower

By Jacques Pépin

It may come as a surprise to many Americans to learn that in France, cauliflower is one of our most popular vegetables—not, I gather, the case in this country. It can, of course, be eaten raw with a spicy dressing, but we love it in soups, pickled and most of all cooked and combined with a cream sauce (à la crème).



In choosing cauliflower, be sure the heads are very white and very firm, with small compact flowers squeezed together. With a good heavy knife, cut off the leaves from the stem.



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Separate the flowerets from the central core by cutting around each one with your knife.



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Next, with a small paring knife, pull off the hard skin around the stem of each floweret.

Have ready a large pot of boiling, salted water. Add the cauliflower. Bring to a boil again and cook, uncovered, for 10 to 12 minutes or until the stems can be pierced easily with the point of a knife. Refresh immediately under cold running water to stop the cooking. To forestall the tender flowerets breaking under the stream of cold water, rest a large spoon across the kettle so the water will hit the handle of the spoon and fall gently on the cauliflower. When cold, drain thoroughly, arrange on a platter, cover with a fresh dish towel wrung out in cold water or with Saran and refrigerate.

The cooked cauliflower can be sautéed in butter, garnished with parsley, reheated in boiling water and served with melted butter or Hollandaise; added to a hot cream sauce (Béchamel); or served *au gratin* (that is, mixed with a rich Béchamel, sprinkled with grated Swiss or Parmesan cheese and then browned under the broiler). ■

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FOOD & DRINK

NOBODY EVER TELLS YOU THESE THINGS

By HELEN McCULLY

Can dried chestnuts be used in place of fresh?

They certainly can and most successfully. Those available to us are imported from Europe and largely from Italy. Broadly speaking, dried chestnuts are stocked only in Chinese and Italian markets. Once reconstituted, they can be used as you would fresh without the arduous chore of peeling them. To reconstitute dried chestnuts, see page 149.

What is Vienna coffee?

Coffee houses have been part of Viennese life since the middle of the 17th century and by the 19th century had become luxurious salons for middle class society in the Austrian Empire and the "homes" of literary and artistic movements. Coffee in Austria is prepared in about a dozen standard ways. With a little milk, it is a *brauner;* with a lot of milk, a *milch gespritzt;* half coffee and half milk, a *mélange;* with a little whipped cream, a *kapuziner;* with a lot of whipped cream, an *obers gespritzt* and served in a glass with a mound of whipped cream on top, it becomes an *einspanner.* So, what is Vienna coffee?

What are butterfly chops?

Boneless double pork chops, split most of the way through the center and opened to form a butterfly shape.

What exactly is evaporated milk?

It's fresh milk from which 60% of the water has been removed. Obviously, its convenience is that it comes canned. When combined with an equal amount of water, its nutritive value is about the same as the milk from which it originated.

Did Beef Stroganoff originate in Paris?

No, Victoria Kisseleff, herself a Russian, tells us. It was created by a Russian chef in the home of the fabulously rich Stroganoffs (also spelled Stroganov) and was originally designated as *Boeuf à la Stroganoff* because prior to the revolution most dishes were written in French since the best chefs in aristocratic Russian homes were French. Correctly, Beef Stroganoff is made with fillet of beef, mushrooms and sour cream.

What is whitebait?

The fry or young of herring or sprats, they are generally found in the estuaries around the coast of Britain and, we are told by both the National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Fisheries Institute, off our own coast in the fall and winter months. They range in size from 1½ to four inches but the average size is about two inches. To cook, they are deep-fat fried.

Is there any difference between chop and mince?

In *Webster's New International Dictionary* (second edition), the meaning of chop is given thus: "To cut by striking, especially repeatedly, with a sharp instrument: hence, to cut into pieces; to mince." But when you look into mince, the same dictionary says, "To cut or chop into very small pieces." Of the well-known cooks (Beard, Child, Claiborne, et al) only Julia Child uses mince to indicate finely chopped. We ourselves prefer mince because it says what we mean when we want a food that is cut as fine as it is possible—just short of purée.

Are zucchini and courgette the same thing?

Yes. Zucchini is the Italian word for courgette.

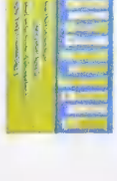
How did potatoes get to be called "spuds"?

The origin of the word "spud" is obscure but it has become slang for potatoes because the spade or digging fork used in cultivating or harvesting the potatoes is known as a spud. ■



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Buffet for 10

Fresh Shrimp Pâté

1 pound shrimp, cooked, shelled and deveined
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1 cup olive oil
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Paprika

Cut the shrimp into fairly small pieces and place in the container of the electric blender with the lemon juice and ½ cup of the oil. Blend to a smooth purée. Stir in the remaining oil, salt and freshly ground pepper to taste and a generous dash of paprika. Refrigerate in a covered jar. Serve surrounded with Melba toast rounds.

Curried Turkey

5 packages (12-ounce size) cooked, diced turkey, thawed

Curry Sauce:
½ cup (1 stick) butter
2 large onions, peeled and chopped fine
2 large apples, cored and chopped fine
2 to 3 tablespoons good curry powder
½ cup all-purpose flour
4 cups chicken broth, your own or canned
1 cup heavy cream
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Lemon juice

Melt the butter in a large, heavy skillet. Add the onions and apples. Sauté over low heat until the onions are soft and transparent. Do not brown. Stir in the curry and flour until smooth. Cook three to four minutes. Add the broth, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for one hour. Pour into the container of the electric blender and blend until smooth. Stir in the cream, taste for salt and pepper and then add lemon juice to taste. Pour into a large saucepan. Add the turkey meat and bring slowly to a boil. Refrigerate or cool and freeze.

To freeze: Ladle the cool curried turkey into pint or 1½-pint freezer containers that have tight-fitting lids.

To reheat: Place the contents of the containers in an ovenproof casserole. Cover tightly. Place in a preheated 300° oven until piping hot, about one hour. To serve, pour the curry into a deep, heated serving platter.

Condiments: We suggest flaked coconut, finely chopped chives, raisins soaked in Cognac, slivered, toasted almonds and, of course, chutney.

Turkey Newburg

5 packages (12-ounce size) cooked, diced turkey, thawed
4 cups heavy cream
6 egg yolks, well beaten
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Cayenne
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons sherry
Paprika

Pour the cream into the top of the double boiler and heat over simmering water. Beat a little of the hot cream into the yolks, then combine the two, beating vigorously with a whisk. Add salt, pepper and cayenne to taste. Pour back into the pan and place over the simmering water. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce is thick enough to coat a spoon. Add the thawed turkey. When hot, add the butter and sherry and cook about one minute longer.

To freeze: Pour into 1½-pint freezer containers, cover tightly and place in the freezer.

To reheat: Place the contents of the containers in a heavy casserole, cover it tightly and place in a preheated 300° oven for approximately one hour or until piping hot through.

To serve, spoon the Newburg onto a heated platter and sprinkle lightly with paprika.

Steamed Rice

To serve 10, cook 2 cups of converted rice according to package directions. Spoon immediately into freezer container. When cool, seal the container well and freeze.

To heat: Thaw, cover with boiling water and allow to stand until hot through. A matter of minutes. Do not cook further. Drain the rice thoroughly.

Purple Plum Ice

Open three bottles (29-ounce size) purple plums. Remove pits, then purée the plums with the syrup in the electric blender, about one-half at a time. Pour into three refrigerator trays and freeze until firm. About ½ hour before serving time, transfer the trays from freezer to refrigerator so the ice is spoonable. Place in a suitable serving bowl. Serve with lightly sweetened whipped cream or sour cream.

Dinner for 4

Sesame Cheeses

½ cup sesame seeds
½ pound blue cheese
1 package (eight-ounce size) cream cheese

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1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened to room temperature
¾ cup chopped green olives
1 tablespoon finely chopped chives
5 or 6 parsley sprigs, minced
1 garlic clove, peeled and minced fine
2 tablespoons Cognac

Spread the sesame seeds on a large baking sheet and place in a preheated 350° oven for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool, leaving them right on the baking sheet.

Combine the cheeses and butter in a bowl. With your hands or an electric beater, work together until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and beat together with a wooden spatula. Divide the mixture into four parts, then shape each part into a small roll. Roll each roll in the sesame seeds. Wrap each one securely in foil and place in the freezer.

To serve, bring the rolls to room temperature, then cut in slices about ¼-inch thick. Serve with unseasoned crackers or Melba toast rounds.

Coq au Vin
(Chicken in Wine)

3 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
6 tablespoons butter
20 small white onions, peeled
¼ pound bacon, cut into pieces
1 3-pound broiler-fryer, cut up for frying
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
¼ cup Cognac
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups dry white wine, heated
2 garlic cloves, mashed
***Bouquet garni* tied in a cheesecloth bag:**
1 teaspoon dried thyme
2 or 3 sprigs parsley
1 bay leaf
½ pound mushroom caps
Minced parsley

Heat half the oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter in a heavy casserole that has a cover. Add the onions and sauté over moderate heat just long enough to brown them (note they will not brown evenly). Mix in the bacon pieces and cook over a low heat until the onions are tender and the bacon transparent. With a slotted spoon lift both onions and bacon to a bowl and set them aside.

Brown the pieces of chicken, a few at a time, in the hot fat until nicely brown on all sides. Season with salt and pepper. Heat the Cognac, ignite and pour over the chicken pieces. Shake the pan until the flames die out. Sprinkle the flour over the chicken; pour over the hot wine. Then add the garlic and *bouquet garni*. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook over low heat until the chicken legs are tender when pierced with a fork and juices run clear yellow—about 20 to 25 minutes.

Wipe the mushroom caps with a damp cloth. Heat the remaining oil and butter in a skillet. Add the mushrooms and sauté for about five minutes. Combine with the onions and bacon. When the chicken is cooked, add the mushrooms, onions and bacon to the casserole. Simmer just long enough to heat the onions. Discard the *bouquet garni*.

To serve, arrange on a hot serving platter and garnish with minced parsley.

To freeze: The Coq au Vin can be satisfactorily frozen in the casserole in which it was cooked. In that case, cover, then seal the cover with freezer-tape. This means, obviously, that the casserole will be out of commission until the food is used. Better, we think, to line the casserole with foil, then add the Coq au Vin and freeze. Once it is frozen solid, lift from the foil, wrap, seal securely and return to the freezer. To reheat, place the frozen block in the original casserole, covered, in a preheated 300° oven for approximately one hour or until piping hot.

Poulet Chasseur
(Chicken, Hunter Style)

1 3-pound broiler-fryer, cut into 8 pieces
1 can (1-pound size) peeled whole tomatoes
½ pound mushrooms
2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
3 tablespoons butter
2 or 3 shallots, peeled and minced or 3 green onion bulbs, minced
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup dry white wine
½ cup chicken broth, your own or canned
***Bouquet garni* tied in a cheesecloth bag:**
2 or 3 parsley sprigs,
1 bay leaf
½ teaspoon dried thyme
2 teaspoons dried tarragon
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Minced parsley

Push the tomatoes through a fine sieve to get rid of the seeds. Set aside for the moment. Wipe the mushroom caps with a damp cloth, then slice thin, stems and all. In a heavy casserole that has a cover, heat the oil and butter over a good heat. Sauté the chicken pieces, a few at a time, until golden all over. Lift to a platter.

Add the mushrooms to the casserole and cook about three minutes. Then stir in the shallots. Reduce heat, cover and simmer about five minutes. Sprinkle with the flour and stir well. Add the wine, broth, *bouquet garni*, tomatoes and the tarragon. Return the chicken pieces to the casserole and bring to a boil. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook for 20 to 25 minutes or until the chicken legs are tender when pierced with a fork and juices run clear yellow.

To serve, place the chicken and vegetables in a deep hot dish and garnish the top of it with minced parsley.

To freeze and reheat, follow same instructions as for Coq au Vin on this page.

Iced Lemon Soufflé

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
4 eggs, separated
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Juice of 2 lemons*
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup heavy cream

Sprinkle the gelatin over ½ cup cold water to soften. Combine egg yolks, lemon juice, ½ cup of the sugar and the salt in the top of a double boiler. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula, until the mixture has thickened and is custardy. Take off the heat, add the gelatin and lemon rind. Stir until the gelatin has completely dissolved. Cool.

Beat the egg whites with a rotary or electric beater until they hold a shape. Gradually beat in the remaining sugar and continue beating until the meringue holds stiff, shiny peaks. Beat the cream until it holds a soft shape. With a wire whip, beat about a third of the meringue into the yolk custard. Then fold in the remainder with a spatula. Finally, fold in the whipped cream. Pour into a two-quart soufflé dish, seal with double duty foil and place in the freezer. To serve, remove from freezer to refrigerator several hours before serving time so that it can defrost.

*Lemons will yield more juice if allowed to stand in boiling water for a few minutes. However, if the rind is to be used, they must be grated first.

Dinner for 6

Blanquette d'Agneau
(Lamb Stew with
Onions and Mushrooms)

3 pounds boned shoulder of lamb, cut into two-inch pieces
4 cans (10½-ounce size) condensed chicken broth
1 large onion, skin on, stuck with 2 cloves
1 carrot, coarsely chopped
8 to 10 parsley sprigs
½ bay leaf
½ teaspoon dried thyme
1 tablespoon salt
18 to 24 small white onions, peeled
½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 pound button mushrooms
4 tablespoons flour
3½ cups lamb broth
Juice of 1 lemon
3 egg yolks
½ cup heavy cream
Minced parsley

Place the lamb in a large heavy kettle that has a cover. Add the chicken broth. If there isn't sufficient broth to cover the meat, add enough cold water to make up the difference. Tie up the onion, carrot, parsley, bay leaf and thyme in a piece of cheesecloth and add to the casserole with the salt. Bring to a boil slowly. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook for about 1¼ hours or until the lamb is tender when pierced with a fork. When tender, drain through a sieve into a bowl. Place the meat in a flameproof casserole, reserve the broth, discard bag with vegetables.

Place the onions in a heavy saucepan. Add 3 tablespoons of the butter, a good pinch of salt, several twists of the pepper-mill and 1 cup of the reserved broth. Cover and cook over moderate heat until the onions are tender when pierced with the point of a sharp paring knife. Drain and combine this mixture with the meat.

Wipe the mushroom caps with a clean damp cloth. Break off and discard the stems.

Melt the remaining butter in a large saucepan. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula, for two to three minutes. Do not brown. Stir in the 3½ cups of lamb broth. Bring to a boil, whipping constantly with a wire whisk, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Set aside 1 cup of the sauce. Add the mushroom caps to the saucepan and cook 10 minutes longer. Stir in the lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Add to the meat and onions.

Beat the egg yolks and the cream with a wire whisk until well mixed. Then gradually beat in the reserved cup of sauce. Stir into the casserole with meat and onions, mixing well. Cool and freeze.

To freeze: Pour the blanquette into 1½-pint freezer containers with tight-fitting lids. Place in the freezer, which should maintain zero temperature.

To reheat: Place the contents of the containers in an ovenproof casserole or a baking dish that has a cover. Cover tightly. Place in a preheated 300° oven until it is piping hot through (about one hour).

To serve, spoon into a heated serving platter and garnish with minced parsley.

Blanquette de Veau
(Veal Stew with
Onions and Mushrooms)

This dish is prepared exactly the same as *Blanquette d' Agneau* with this exception: You must blanch the veal, because it is inclined to "throw" a tremendous amount of scum. So, before you actually start cooking, place the veal in a saucepan and cover with cold water by about two inches. Bring up to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for about two minutes. Then drain the veal and wash it under cold water to remove any traces of the scum. From here on, follow the recipe described above.

Steamed Rice

See cooking, freezing and reheating directions on page 155.

Green Bean and Green Onion Salad, Sauce Vinaigrette

2 nine-ounce packages frozen whole green beans
1 bunch green onions
Sauce Vinaigrette

Defrost the beans, place in a saucepan with enough boiling salted water to cover and cook for five minutes. Drain thoroughly and cool.

Trim off the roots of the onions and all but two inches of the green tops. Remove any loose skin, then chop very fine. Combine with the beans in a salad bowl. Coat with the sauce and refrigerate.

Sauce Vinaigrette: Combine ¼ teaspoon Dijon mustard, 2 tablespoons wine vinegar and salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Beat with a wire whisk until smooth. Gradually add ½ cup peanut or olive oil or half and half. Beat until well mixed.

Meringues with Ice Cream

3 egg whites
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
¾ cup sugar

Cover two cookie sheets with either brown wrapping paper or baking parchment. (*Continued*)

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Place the egg whites in a large bowl or the bowl of the electric mixer. Sprinkle with the salt and cream of tartar. Beat with an electric beater or mixer until the whites begin to hold a shape. Gradually add the sugar, beating hard and constantly until the meringue becomes very stiff and very shiny.

Spoon the meringue into mounds on cookie sheets, leaving space between to allow for some spreading; you should have about 16 mounds. Bake in a preheated 275° oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until all the meringues are firm when touched. Once baked, lift off with a metal spatula and cool on a wide rack. Store in an airtight container.

To serve, place a big spoonful of ice cream in one shell and top with another shell.

Note: Take the ice cream from the freezer about 30 minutes before serving so that it will be spoonable.

Dinner for 8

Swedish Meatballs

1 pound finely ground beef
1 pound finely ground lean pork
½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 small onion, peeled and minced
4 slices firm bread, crumbled fine
1½ cups milk
2 eggs
4 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon salt
A few twists of the peppermill
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups light cream (about)

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large, heavy skillet. Add the onion and ½ cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook until all the water has evaporated and the onion is very tender and transparent; add more water if necessary. Combine the bread and milk. Beat the eggs slightly with a wire whisk. When the bread is soft, mix together thoroughly with the onion, eggs, cornstarch, salt and pepper and the two meats.

Using one hand and a tablespoon dipped in cold water, shape the mixture into balls about the size of a walnut. Sauté the meatballs in batches in melted butter over a good heat until evenly brown, shaking the pan continuously to make sure to keep the balls rolling over.

As you finish each batch, wipe out the skillet with paper towels before adding more butter and more meatballs. When all the meatballs have been sautéed, continue to cook over a moderate heat for two to three minutes. Lift to a bowl with a slotted spoon.

Mix the flour with the cream until perfectly smooth. Stir into the drippings in the saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook for five minutes. Taste for seasoning. If sauce seems too thick, add a bit more cream. Return the meatballs to the skillet; mix well and heat through.

To freeze: Cool the meatballs and sauce. Then pour into one-pint or 1½-pint freezer containers with tight-fitting lids and freeze.

To reheat: Place the contents of the containers in an ovenproof casserole or baking dish that has a cover. Cover tightly. Place in a preheated 300° oven until the meatballs are piping hot through. This will take approximately one hour.

To serve, pour into a heated serving platter.

Meatballs, Greek Style, with Avgolemono Sauce

2 pounds ground lamb
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and minced very fine
1 cup parsley sprigs, minced
1 tablespoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 eggs, lightly beaten
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, melted
Avgolemono Sauce (*below*)

Combine all ingredients except the butter and the sauce in a bowl and mix very thoroughly with your hands. Then shape mixture into balls about one inch or so in diameter.

Take a roasting pan just large enough to hold all the meatballs flat. Add the butter, then the meatballs, rolling them around in the butter so they are coated on all sides. Place in a preheated 450° oven and bake for 15 minutes. If not served immediately, cool and refrigerate or freeze. Makes about 40 meatballs.

To freeze: Arrange the meatballs on a baking sheet and place in the freezer. Once frozen, pack into suitable containers with tight-fitting lids or in freezer bags and tie securely.

To reheat: Combine with the Avgolemono Sauce (thawed if frozen) in a heavy casserole. Cover tightly and place in a preheated 300° oven until piping hot through. Pour into a suitable serving dish and garnish with a sprinkling of parsley.

Avgolemono Sauce:

4 eggs
1½ tablespoons arrowroot
Juice of 3 lemons, strained
1½ cups beef broth, boiling

Beat the eggs with a rotary or electric beater. Stir the arrowroot into the lemon juice until completely smooth. Mix into the eggs. Gradually add the hot broth to the egg mixture, beating constantly. Pour back into the saucepan, place over a moderate heat and cook, whipping constantly with a wire whisk, until the sauce will coat a spoon. Makes 1½ cups.

To freeze: Pour into a 1½-pint freezer container with a tight-fitting lid. Freeze.

To reheat: Bring to room temperature, then combine with the meatballs and follow directions given in the recipe.

*Drop the lemons into boiling water for a couple of minutes and they'll yield more juice.

Potato Croquettes

5 Idaho potatoes
3 eggs, separated
¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Freshly ground nutmeg
1 large clove garlic, peeled and minced (optional)
Commercial, unseasoned breadcrumbs
Vegetable shortening

Peel the potatoes, quarter and drop into boiling salted water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to moderate, cover and cook until the potatoes are tender when they are pierced with the point of a paring knife.

Drain potatoes immediately and dry quickly by shaking the pan over a high heat. Put through a potato ricer, then *with a fork*—because you do not want too creamy a mixture—mix in the yolks and butter well. At this point add salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste and stir in the garlic.

Shape the mixture into tubes about one inch in diameter and three inches long. Dip into the egg whites, then roll in the breadcrumbs. Place the tubes on a baking sheet, cover them with foil or Saran and allow them to dry overnight.

To fry, heat the shortening in a deep-fat fryer or deep heavy pot until it reaches 400° on the thermometer. Then fry the croquettes, a few at a time, until golden. Drain on paper towels. Makes about 24.

To freeze: Place the croquettes on the baking sheet in the freezer and freeze until hard. Then pack in freezer bags or other freezer containers, seal and return to the freezer.

To reheat: Place the frozen croquettes on a baking sheet in a preheated 400° oven until piping hot through, approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Cucumber Salad

3 large firm cucumbers
1 tablespoon salt
8 tablespoons sugar
1 cup white or cider vinegar

Wipe the cucumbers with a fresh, damp cloth. Then score the skin by pulling the tines of a sharp fork down the length of the cucumber, all around. Slice very, very thin. Place in a bowl and sprinkle with the salt and sugar. Add the vinegar. Then, using the back of a wooden spatula, press the slices until the salad becomes quite juicy. Refrigerate. A sort of pickle, the salad will keep extremely well when placed in a covered jar and refrigerated.

Eggnog Mousse

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
3 eggs, separated
¾ cup good Bourbon
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
1 cup heavy cream
Freshly grated nutmeg

Sprinkle the gelatin over 1 cup of cold water in a saucepan, then place over a moderate heat and stir until the gelatin has completely dissolved.

With a rotary or electric beater, beat the yolks until very thick and creamy. Stir in the Bourbon, mixing it well. Then mix in the gelatin very thoroughly. Refrigerate until the mixture begins to set and remember to give it an occasional stir with a wire whisk.

Sprinkle the salt over the whites and beat with an electric beater or mixer until they begin to hold a shape. Gradually add the sugar, beating hard and constantly until you have a smooth, shiny meringue. Thoroughly whisk about a third of the meringue into the gelatin mixture. Then combine the two very well, folding in the meringue with a rubber spatula. Finally, whip the cream and fold it into the mixture. Pour into a two-quart serving bowl and refrigerate until firm (a matter of several hours).

To freeze: Spoon the mousse into 1½-pint freezer containers, cover tightly and place the containers in the freezer.

To serve: Place the containers in the refrigerator until the mousse has completely defrosted—allow a couple of hours—and then spoon into a suitable serving bowl and garnish with whipped cream lightly sweetened with sugar and perfumed with grated nutmeg. ■

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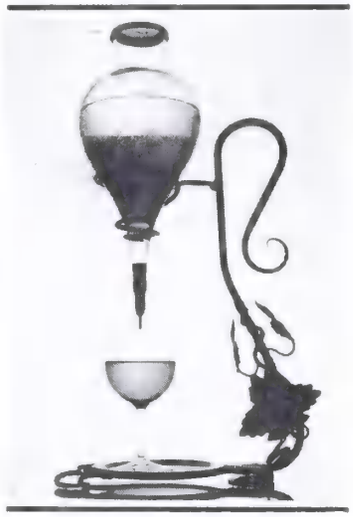


JUG WINES

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wine adventure to even more memorable heights.

In the fine wine shops of the nation, from Sam Aaron's Madison Avenue emporium, Sherry-Lehmann, to each of the Jurgensen's well-stocked California oases from San Francisco to San Diego, most tempting lures for the connoisseur frequently come in bigger bottles. A magnum of Burgundy or Bordeaux is elegant on sight. Sometimes the savings may be only in pennies, but the dividends in the uncurrent coin of unspoken communication are



higher. The bigger bottles telegraph to the beholder the concern of the host for the guests and for the moment.

Jug wines from California? Magnums of choice varietal wines from premium vineyard estates? Magnums or jeroboams of Champagne? Three economic levels, but each can have distinctive service. Some of the half-gallon jugs, such as the Korbel bottlings, contemporizing the bell-bottomed 18th-century ship's decanter, are handsome enough to bring right into the service area. For the others, in frankly difficult and awkward-to-pour bulky bottles, there are several answers.

Italian carafes *(page 150)*, actual litre measures, with a lead "approval" seal ornamenting the simple pinched-waist design in clear, heavy glass, are available in litre, ½-litre and ¼-litre sizes at most wineshops, generally priced, respectively, at about $4, $3 and $2 each. Austrian Weinhebers *(above)*, one to a table, are real conversation pieces, permitting each guest to draw his wine as he wishes. France contributes a decorative novelty with individual-service nine-ounce silver-capped decanters in a grape-cluster mold *(page 150)*. Filled with red, white or pink wine, these clear glass decanters offer many approaches to decorative buffet service. Pile red-wine "bunches of grapes" into a basket with green leaves; nestle pink or white wine "grapes" in a bowl of cracked ice. About the size of a small fist, the little grape-cluster decanters retail in most shops for



approximately $1.25 each. And these are just a few of the many distinctive ways that you can serve your big buys.

Many of the better restaurants of the land carefully select their "house" wine, which is poured and served *en carafe*. They buy it in gallon jugs, the same ones you can buy. Winery names are important here, with reliance upon the established goals and ideals of the wine makers. The jug wines of Almadén, Beringer, Christian Brothers, Gallo, Guild, Inglenook, Charles Krug, Korbel, Louis M. Martini, Paul Masson and Weibel are all good value for wine to serve proudly in decanters.

While some may argue the old refrain that the best wines of California carry varietal names (titles taken from the varieties of grapes used in their production), there is a sound rejoinder. The generic wines labeled merely Burgundy, Rhine or Sauterne, etc., from prestige wineries are often as pleasing as their varietal wines. Why? A vintage Cabernet Sauvignon or Pinot Noir must, by law, contain only the wine of one vintage year and be made of at least 51% of the specified grapes, while a nonvintage generic wine gives the wine maker freedom to blend wines from several vintages and several grapes to produce his ideal wine.

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The nationwide popularity of Gallo Hearty Burgundy, Louis Martini's Mountain Red Wine or Almadén Chablis in the gallon jug market is no accident of publicity or advertising. These are good wines from good grapes, often including liberal amounts of those same highly touted varietal grapes. Repeat sales have built the big volume figures. The renaissance of the old Napa Valley Beringer winery under the Nestle banner,



with wine maker Myron Nightingale, is moving another name into the list of popular, dependable jug wines. All of these leading suppliers provide us with a generous supply of this good wine at less than $5 a gallon.

Magnums are in order for any luncheon or dinner party with a guest list of four or more. After all, a magnum is only the equivalent of two standard "fifth" bottles. When true wine lovers assemble, you should figure on one fifth for two people. It *can* serve four adequately, but not generously. Some fifths are less than 26 ounces; some magnums are 50 ounces. California vintners, possibly for some reason touching on prestige, reserve their magnum bottlings for only their better wines. Collectors prize the vintage magnums of Pinot Noir from Martini, Wente, Robert Mondavi, Fetzer. These handsome bottles retail for less than $7 each. The same price bracket can buy a magnum of vintage Marquisat Beaujolais-Villages.

You can build an inexpensive informal dinner easily around one of the best available bargains in Chianti, with or without spaghetti. The wine? *"Una Misura Vendèmmia 1969 Chiantigiana"* (which means "A measure of the 1969 Vintage of Chianti wine") from Luigi Bigi & Figlio of Firenze. The "Casa Vinicola" or wine firm of Bigi

and Son was acquired some time ago by the prestige house of Antinori. A handsome 59-ounce magnum of this Chianti retails today in most markets for less than $4. Begin with platters of wafer-thin prosciutto with rindless crescents of melon. Go onward to *cannelloni*, crepes or pasta tubes filled with ground meat, and chicken



livers bound together with butter, Parmesan cheese, eggs and white wine. Or how about *lasagne* with a Bolognese sauce? The Bigi Chianti magnum, with a tall tapering neck rising from its 18th-century bottle design, is tart, dry, fragrant from its Sangiovese grape origins, a fine accompaniment to these foods.

If you're invited to a BYOB party with an inference that you "Bring Your Own Bottle" of wine, you can become a treasured guest if your bottle is both bigger and unique. Surprise is the nature of such evenings. An inexpensive, on-target answer might well be one that wine authority Hugh Johnson has described as "the world's most marvelous, easy and enjoyable drink"—Valpolicella. Cherry-red, tart and dry, Valpolicella Classico is the pride of Veneto. Dr. Lamberto Paronetto, the distinguished oenologist and author, is also the designer of the handsome 59-ounce magnum that his house of Lamberti now exports filled with 1969 Valpolicella Classico for about $6. Bolla brings it on in a half-gallon "Mandolin Flask" seated in the traditional handwoven straw. The wine has just a hint of the beloved bitterness dear to the hearts of Veronese wine makers, pridefully presented in distinguished bottles of Valpolicella Recioto Amarone, made from just the "ears" of ripe grape clusters allowed to dry several months before crushing. Valpolicella emerges in even a third guise, sweet and sparkling, called Valpolicella Recioto Nobile Spumante from both Bertani and Bolla. A triple-threat presentation of Valpolicella in its triad of tastes would make a memorable evening. Suitable foods? *Polli alla Padovani*, spit-roasted, highly spiced chickens, are a match for Valpolicella Classico. Valpolicella Recioto Amarone asks for a roast, game or cheese. Valpolicella Recioto Spumante is a fragrant sweet dessert wine, ideal with fruit or Zuppa Inglese.

Sicily sends a wine called "Segesta" from the rolling plains of the Marsala province, commemorating the impressive Doric Greek temple that dominates the vineyard lands of this corner of the island. There are both red and white Segestas. For less than $5, you can buy an overwhelmingly big 68-ounce bottle, complete with a porcelain and wire-hinge arrangement for resealing the bottle in case you or your guests don't finish off the total contents. The subtitle on the label, *Vino Gustoso Da Tàvola*, translates easily and simply into "Pleasant Wine for the Table" but the vigor of the Italian word *Gustoso* describes the wine better than a weak translation. The wine is neither subtle nor expensive nor complicated and complex. Those are the adjectives and descriptive words for the big guns—the magnums from Bordeaux and Burgundy and Champagne.

But just before leaving the Italian idiom for the French, a hint for tomorrow. On the ocean, bound for our shores, are 59-ounce bottlings of Castello La Sala Orvieto-Abboccato of Antinori. If you're thinking about ways of opening a dinner with an unusual flair, here's the big wine for you, golden and beautiful, not bitingly dry, not as sweet as the word *Abboccato* would imply. It's a becoming companion to rice with shrimp, but don't overchill it (don't overchill any white wine).

At Heritage House, in Tustin, Calif., I stood in awe before a row of Bordeaux magnums bedded down on golden straw. For a starter, there was a Château Haut-Brion 1959 for $112.50. It was shoulder-touching with Lafite-Rothschild, Mouton-Rothschild, Latour, Pétrus, Margaux, but I went home with Château Cheval Blanc (the "White Horse," which is red) 1964 for a dime less than $25 and was sure I'd found a bargain.

Another shelf made neighbors of impressive Burgundian magnums of Drouhin selections of legendary titles: Grands Échézeaux, Clos de Vougeot, Musigny, Chambertin Clos de Bèze, Beaune from the Hospices de Beaune, Richebourg, Romanée Saint-Vivant. Anyone can dream. Luxury moments do arrive for all of us. The magnum of 1966 Clos de Vougeot was only $28.50. (*Continued*)

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I mention it because the recent ridiculous $9,000 price tag on an auction-sold French wine distorts reality. No bottle of wine is worth that much money.

A big dividend in buying magnums of red wines of vintage is the enhanced bouquet that comes with aging. Magnums of aged Burgundy and Bordeaux invariably seem to pour out with more fragrance than the same wine housed in the smaller, traditional fifths. And if the wine should be more than 10 years old, chances are that it will *need* decanting—and our decanter suggestions become necessary as well as dramatic party accessories.

Bargains in big bottles of Champagne do exist. The 52-ounce magnums of Laurent-Perrier "Special Cuvée" Champagne are about $16. This contrasts with Taittinger 1964 Blanc de Blancs Champagne *en magnum* for more than twice as much, at about $38. But both are a very good value.

Champagne is the ideal *apéritif* for dining occasions where the wines that follow are important, deserving palates not dulled with drink. Again, magnums of Champagne advance the pace; a jeroboam almost shouts: "This is an event!" There are bigger bottles than jeroboams, but Uncle Sam has ruled them out. He says anything bigger than one gallon is "bulk wine." You can still buy an impressive jeroboam of Mumm's Cordon Rouge Brut for about $45. That's the equivalent of four regular fifths of Champagne, and there's no saving on this big one. It actually costs more than four single fifths, but it has impact. So has a jeroboam of Paul Masson Brut or Extra Dry California Champagne for $21.

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From California—Almadén: Chablis, Sauterne, Rhine, Burgundy and Claret, each $3.20 a half-gallon and $5.30 a gallon; Rosé, $3.85 for a half-gallon jug, $6.75 a gallon. ***Aroma:*** Red and white wine, $2.30 a half-gallon and $4 a gallon; ***Beringer:*** Burgundy, Chablis, Rosé, $3.05 a half-gallon and $5.05 for a gallon jug. ***Christian Brothers:*** Rhine, Sauterne, Chablis, Burgundy and Claret, in half-gallons only, each $4.25. ***Cribari:*** Burgundy, $2.25 a half-gallon, $4 for a gallon. ***Fior Di California:*** White and red Burgundy, each $2.45 a half-gallon; red only, $4 a gallon. ***Gallo:*** Spanāda, $2 a half-gallon; Paisano, $2.25 a half-gallon and $3.90 a gallon. Burgundy, Rosé, Sauterne, Rhine, Chianti, each $2.35 a half-gallon, $4 a gallon; Thunderbird, $2.40 a half-gallon; Hearty Burgundy, Pink Chablis, Chablis Blanc, Tyrolia, $2.45 a half-gallon, $4.50 a gallon.

Inglenook: Chablis, Burgundy, each $3 a half-gallon; Chablis Vintage, Burgundy Vintage and Zinfandel Vintage, $4 a half-gallon. ***Italian Swiss Colony:*** Burgundy, $2.35 a half-gallon, $4 a gallon; Chianti, $4 a gallon. ***Louis Martini:*** Mountain Chablis, Mountain Burgundy, each $3.65 a half-gallon, $6.65 for the gallon jug. ***Mondavi:*** Barberone, Burgundy, Zinfandel, Chablis, each $2.90 for a half-gallon, $4.90 a gallon. ***Pastene:*** Zinfandel, $2.35 for a half-gallon, $3.75 a gallon. ***Paul Masson:*** Chablis, Burgundy, each $3.60 a half-gallon. ***Petri:*** Pastoso, $2.25 for the half-gallon, $3.70 a gallon. ***Romano:*** Chianti, Burgundy and Chablis, $4 a gallon. ***Savant:*** Chablis and Burgundy, $3.35 a half-gallon. ***Tavola:*** Red wine, $2.15 a half-gallon, $3.80 a gallon. ***Villa Armando:*** Burgundy, $2.80 a half-gallon, $4.70 a gallon; Barberone and Chablis, each $4.70 a gallon, and Rustico, $5.30 a gallon.

Champagnes—(prices for magnums unless otherwise indicated) ***Almadén:*** $9.90; ***Cresta Blanca:*** $8.85; ***Francia Brothers:*** $4; ***Korbel:*** Brut, $10.90, Natural, $12.50; ***Kornell:*** Brut, Pink Rosé, Sparkling Burgundy, $9.90; ***Lejon:*** $5.40; ***Llords & Elwood:*** $9.95; ***Paul Masson:*** $10.20, (in jeroboams for $20.95); ***Weibel:*** Brut, Rosé, Sparkling Burgundy, $9.50.

From New York—Chateau Martin: Sparkling Burgundy, Champagne, Pink Champagne, Cold Duck, all $6.80 per magnum. ***Gold Seal Vineyards:*** Port, Ruby Port, Tawny Port, Cream Sherry, Dry Sherry, Cocktail Sherry, each $4 a half-gallon; Sauterne, Rhine, Rosé, Burgundy, Dry Sauterne, Chablis Nature, each $3.40 a half-gallon; Sauterne, Rhine and Burgundy, $6.90 a gallon; Concord, $3.10 a half-gallon; Catawba Pink, $3.30 a half-gallon, $5.95 a gallon; Catawba Red, Catawba White, $3.30 a half-gallon. ***Great Western:*** Rhine, Burgundy, Rosé, Aurora Sauterne, Pleasant Valley Red Concord, Pleasant Valley White Niagara, Catawba, Chablis, each $4 a half-gallon; Port, Sherry, Cream Sherry, each $4.25 a half-gallon; Brut Champagne, Pink Champagne and Sparkling Burgundy, all $9.85 a magnum.

Hammondsport (Champagnes): Golden Age, Richard's, Virginia Dare, Le Chateau Gay, Chateau Blondeau, each $6 a magnum. ***Hudson Valley Wine Co.:*** Champagne Brut, Extra Dry Sparkling Burgundy, Pink Sparkling Burgundy, Cold Duck, each $10 a magnum. ***Manischewitz:*** Dry Concord Malaga, Medium Dry Concord, Burgundy, Sauterne, Blackberry, Cherry, Loganberry, Rosé, each $3.05 a half-gallon; Concord, Black Halendia, White Concord and Cream Concord (pink), Cream Niagara (white), Cream Catawba (pink), each $3.50 a magnum; Pol D'Argent Champagnes: Regular, Pink, Sparkling Burgundy, Grande Spumante, Cold Duck, all $6 per magnum.

Richard's Wines: Wild Irish Rose, $2.50 a half-gallon; Richard's Old-style Apple Wine, $2.10 a half-gallon; Richard's Country-style Hard Cider, $1.85 a half-gallon; Virginia Dare Vin Rosé (a blended wine, ½ New York, ½ California), $3 a half-gallon. ***Shapiro's Wine Co., Ltd.*** (Kosher wines): Extra Heavy Concord Grape, Malaga, Ruby Red, Sauterne, Burgundy, Medium Dry Concord Grape, Honey Wine (Mead), Rosé, Loganberry, each $3 a regular half-gallon, $3.50 for gold label.

Taylor: Port, Tawny Port, Pale Dry Sherry, Sherry, Cream Sherry, each $4 a half-gallon; Rhine, Burgundy, Sauterne, Rosé, Lake Country Red, White and Pink, each $3.80 a half-gallon; Royal Dry Quality Champagne, Pink Champagne, Cold Duck, all $9.80 a magnum. ***Widmer Wines:*** Rhine, Sauterne, Burgundy, Chablis, Rosé, (only nonvintage wines available in half-gallon jugs), $3.85 a half-gallon; Catawba, Cream Sherry, Cocktail Sherry, Medium Sherry, Port, Tawny Port, $3.95 a half-gallon; Lake Niagara, Lake Roselle, each $4 a half-gallon; Naples Valley Red, White and Pink, $3.85 a half-gallon. ■

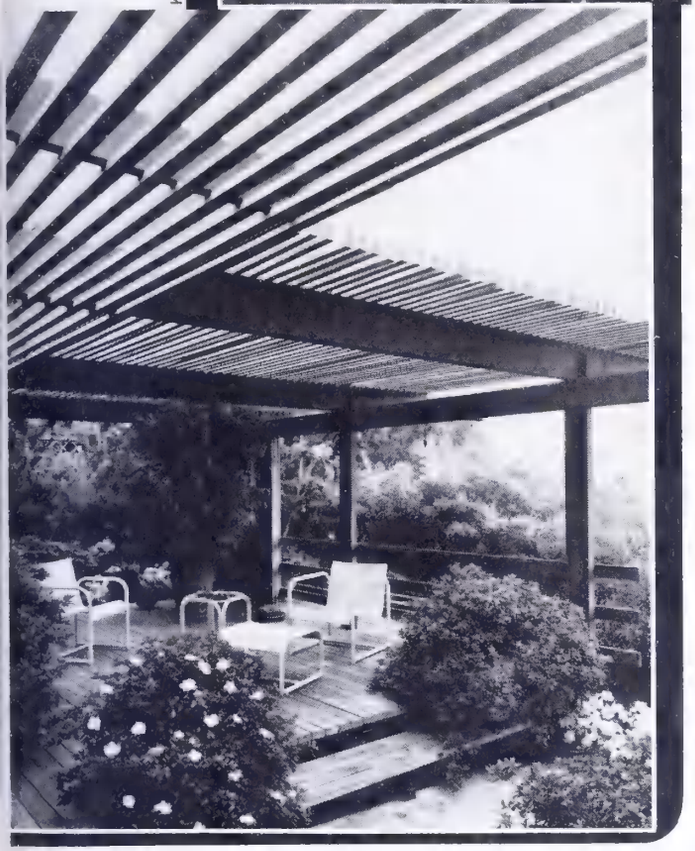
For outdoor living

—new deck gives space and privacy

The small tract house of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Steadman in West Los Angeles had no distinct architectural style but it did have a rear living/dining room and patio that overlooked the California coastline and enjoyed a temperate ocean breeze all year long. What more could they ask? They asked for more privacy and more usable living space. Building a rear deck seemed



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to be the answer: It would take advantage of the panoramic view and at the same time give the additional living space.

Months of looking finally turned up Architect Nisan Matlin, who was willing to work within their limited budget, and he suggested they also hire a "thinking carpenter" who could work closely with him from minimal plans. This left the contracting to be done by the Steadmans themselves—not an easy project for two people who had never even hammered at a nail. First, they took pictures of the house and sketched a rough floor plan.

With Matlin, they decided on a deck that would run the width of the back of the house, around one side in a roofed Japanese hallway called an *engawa* and part of the way across the front, creating a new entry patio to help shield the L-shaped house from the street. In back, the existing deck was cantilevered over a 25-foot drop in the hillside property. Douglas fir and redwood were chosen for decking and roof trellising with Steadman staining every board himself—spruce-blue stain for the trellising, charcoal posts and beams, soft sandalwood for the decking. Finally, glass doors from the living dining room and bedroom visually open the inside area, give easy access to the deck. ■

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HOSTESS

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match." For formal occasions, she'll mix her Royal Crown Derby and Wedgwood with varipatterned silver and Waterford crystal and hurricane lamps.

"The worst thing a hostess can be is uptight," says Barbara Miller of New York, wife of Waterford Glass President John Miller. What is her key to being the confidently functioning hostess? "Plan carefully, get the kitchen taken care of and give yourself enough time to get everything done right." One of Mrs. Miller's strategies is to do her table the night before or the morning of her dinners so at the last minute she "has nothing to worry about."

Dim lighting, "loads of candles" and a beautifully set table are her trademarks: "Atmosphere is more important than food." Lighted candles are placed throughout the dining room and in varisized Waterford candlesticks on the table. Evenings at her summer home are romantically lit with oil lamps and "squatty candles surrounded by leaves, placed right on the dining table."

Mrs. Miller loves long, chatty cocktail hours with "less-filling"

'The fun of a party is meeting people'

hors d'oeuvres. An ingenious aid for serving drinks is to use a different pattern of glassware for each liquor. "It's so much easier for me to remember who's drinking what by the glass." Dinner is late—often about 10 p.m. Small dinner parties for eight or 10 are favored over larger ones. "A hostess can lose control when they're too large."

Drucilla Handy, president of her own public relations firm, Drucilla Handy Co., and wife of Robert M. Redinger, president of the Hospital Service Corp., is a dynamic hostess with savvy and flair. A Chicagoan, she has very definite opinions on entertaining. "People make the party. That's most important." Cocktail parties? "I think that's a halfway measure to entertaining. I prefer a sit-down dinner. We tend to put a lot of emphasis on food." Brunches? "An abomination!" Barbecues? "My husband doesn't like that charcoal taste." On entertaining *de rigueur*: "I don't think that we should be bound by what's correct or incorrect. What matters is your own personal touch." And perhaps one solution to good entertaining: "Marry a man who can cook." (Her husband is an exceptional cook whose father owns a French restaurant in San Francisco.)

Her entertaining is heavier and more formal in the winter than during the summer. For a large, "important" party, she begins preparation at least three weeks in advance. Her favorite chef (trained at Cordon Bleu) is arranged for first and all the

'Large parties are too superficial'

help will always be lined up before invitations are sent out. At a big dinner, she likes to offer at least three different wines.

Adrienne Hall, executive vice-president of Hall and Levine Advertising Agency and wife of Land Developer Maurice Arthur Hall, is both active in her career and politically involved. A great party, she thinks, is made up of "an interesting grouping of people who don't have similar occupations or tastes. The fun of a party is to meet people who are different, who bring something new to a conversation."

Since moving to her new large and dramatic Beverly Hills, Calif., home, Mrs. Hall finds it "so much easier" to entertain large crowds—and has had 120 guests in to watch a run-through of a Broadway play there. She frequently serves Mexican food in her hacienda-inspired home and most of her serving dishes are "traditional" Mexican style—painted terra-cotta or glazed in a dark green, often set on tin service plates. Black demitasse cups from Oaxaca and "easily replaceable" glassware in beautiful shades of purple, amber and dark green are used because she'd rather not "cringe" when using them. Colorful tablecloths are improvised—either lengths of upholstery fabric, rebozos or blankets that come from Ecuador.

Bonnie Swearingen, wife of John Swearingen, chairman of the board of Standard Oil (Indiana), delights in party-giving for a reason. "I prefer to center my parties around an honored guest. That makes it so special." Mrs. Swearingen also enjoys "fun" parties with a personal touch—her day-long trim-the-tree party for women friends with "lots of Champagne and caviar" is now an annual event, and her birthday celebration at home has become memorable especially for her cleverly designed invitations.

A noncook, she has a live-in cook in her Chicago home to prepare dinner to her specifications. "The guest list and invitations come first. Food is the last thing I think about." At a successful buffet, she served mixed game, turkey, pheasant, quail—and venison sausage made from a deer she hunted.

Large parties are given at the Glen View Country Club or Mid America Club (guests may number up to 300); small dinner parties at her home begin by 7:30. Superb wines fill her Steuben wineglasses. Silver is a mix of family monogrammed flatware and ornate Francis I pattern from Reed & Barton. The Italian gold and enamel frogs sitting on a free-form rock crystal base are her favorite place card holders. The centerpiece on her all-glass table may be a Steuben glass bowl with gardenias afloat. Her most formal tablecloth and the one that's "most meaningful" is linen with pulled and cut work, tatted on the edges (with matching napkins), made by a nun she befriended in India.

"I like to provide an atmosphere of congeniality and relaxation," says Mrs. Benjamin Doroff of Meadowbrook, Pa. "More than the food or wine, it's the attitude that says you're glad they came." Wife of a Wanamaker's executive vice-president, Shirley Doroff entertains on an average of once a month, her husband preferring a small sit-down dinner for 12, she usually opting for a sizable buffet dinner for "up to 120."

Mrs. Doroff is a lively hostess who believes in mixing business associates with close friends. "What matters is that they have something in common." She will cook for a sit-down dinner for 10, choosing a meal that's "different" and planning the menu according to season. A poised hostess, Mrs. Doroff has had a few kitchen catastrophes —once her stove blew up; another time, an unmolded shrimp salad slipped into the sink—but she takes them in stride. "A hostess can't panic or take out

'Cozy parties are a great luxury for me'

her problems on the guests. It won't spoil the party when these things happen. I just make do."

Mrs. Doroff begins planning a weekend party at least four weeks ahead. Her guest list is decided first. Invitations and menu-planning follow. When more than 10 are expected, she lines up a catering service and organizes all the details with them. A specialist with confections, she always adds the personal touch of making at least two or three desserts herself.

Mrs. Dan Carithers, wife of the home furnishings coordinator at Rich's in Atlanta, is a devoted hostess whose main concern is that her company feels welcome and at ease. Her gracious method is to "first of all, spend as little time in the kitchen as possible. I've been to parties where the hosts have just disappeared. I'd much rather be prepared, stay with my guests and enjoy them."

Both Elizabeth and Dan Carithers are fond of parties. "We like friendly get-togethers—chitchat on a more intimate level—or large buffet dinners." Mrs. Carithers sets the tone of "elegant casualness": "I might specify long dress and set the table formally, but the mood is always casual."

If guests for dinner number from 16 to 26, they hire a caterer and bartender. Her dining table, which seats six comfortably, is set beautifully with different patterns for each

'A menu should be *eye*-appealing'

course, from distinctive Royal Crown Derby to simple white-and-brown pottery plates. Since her husband is an avid shell collector, "There are always either shells or something shell-shaped on the table." One clever touch is to use open clam shells as napkin holders.

Rosemary Scala of Detroit feels that "A good mix of people is far more important than the food. If I'm having a group of 12, I think an evening is more personal if at least four couples are included who are slightly acquainted." On mixing other friends and business associates of her husband, George, vice-president of the home division of the J. L. Hudson Co., she says: "It's absolutely *fatal* to invite business associates who all work in the same division—it just becomes too hard to turn business off." How does Mrs. Scala establish an easy, friendly milieu? Close to her family, she will usually include them in her guest list. ("They're all very gregarious.") Add to this warm family atmosphere careful planning and "never waiting for the last minute to dress and make up," and Mrs. Scala is a refreshed and poised hostess.

Her dining table, which seats 10 comfortably, is a synthesis of her imagination and style. She loves linens—found at auctions or church bazaars—and silver spoons, which she collects. Inherited "lovely old china" is set off by many-patterned bread-and-butter plates and crystal glasses.

Mrs. Bruce Coe of Chicago prefers an informal evening. But, says the wife of the creative director of the Leo Burnett advertising agency, careful planning and coordination are essential. "I think of what to serve, how to serve it and what arrangement will provide the

gre- st comfort." Maintaining rapport between guests is basic: "If I mix peo le of various ages and intere s, I try to work out the personalities first."

Dale Coe loves to cook, occasionally planning a party around international theme menus. Cold soup such as curried carrot soup or gazpacho served from a silver pitcher is a favored first course. A main dish might be a country terrine with ham and potato salad with a tart, homemade dressing. Dale doesn't use caterers and "shies away from bartenders. I have

'A hostess can never panic if a disaster should happen'

a bar set up in the butler's pantry adjoining the kitchen. My guests are comfortable in my house and like to serve themselves."

Mary Morton, wife of Spencer Morton, president of Bassett Mirror Co., styles her parties with cordiality in mind. "I always love being with my guests, so I much prefer a small party where everyone can be seated. I try to fix it so there is the right number of people at a table without its being too cumbersome for conversation."

A typical dinner party in her Bassett, Va., home has 16-18 with groupings of six to eight at separate tables. She doesn't like to use a caterer unless a "tremendous" party is scheduled. "It's more satisfying to know I've done it." The Mortons' travels in Europe have influenced their menus—two particular specialities are a Swiss melted cheese dish and a French charlotte Malakoff.

Mrs. Morton's hobby is "collecting table settings. I love to play with table settings and try to keep everything to a theme." A "fun" table will hold all different Vermeil salt and pepper shakers with Vermeil candelabra set on a bare surface.

Mrs. Stuart Lottman is always the ready hostess at her home in Byron Township, N.J. "Preparation is more important for a good evening than anything else," says the wife of the manager of public relations for the consumer products division of Interpace Corp. "I know that when I go to a party, I'm more at ease if the hostess is organized. The same is true for me. Preparation helps to add to the comfort at a party."

Rhoda Lottman enjoys small dinner parties with two or three other couples. Her entertaining will vary with the season—summer being a more social time.

Cooking is a passion and she thinks out a menu that will keep her out of the kitchen and with her guests as much as possible. Rhoda likes main courses of chicken, shrimp and ham; cheese and wine sauces are a specialty. She doesn't hire catering services or bartenders —her personal touch pervades.

Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz, wife of Arthur M. Wirtz, owner of the Chicago Black Hawks, is a hostess with great vitality who thinks of entertaining as a great pleasure. "If the hostess shows that she enjoys her parties, then the guests can't help but enjoy themselves, too." More than any other factor, she concerns herself with "compatibility."

Mrs. Wirtz frequently has catered buffets for 20 or 30 during the hockey season. Her guest list is planned first and she allows a few days to a week for invitations.

During the summer, her farm in Ivanhoe, Ill., is the scene of informal and family-involved evenings. Although she doesn't cook, Mrs. Wirtz takes pride in making a special chocolate cake that her children look forward to. Dinner is informal—barbecued steaks a preference. A favorite centerpiece is an old Meissen soup tureen with matching candy dishes.

The "Black Hawk," Mr. and Mrs. Wirtz's boat, is often used for more formal entertaining. Her yellow-and-white French Provincial dining room can seat 12 comfortably. The ship's captain cares for the preparation,

'An intimate dinner is best for a relaxed evening'

menu and help—there are six on board to cook, serve or "take turns doing things."

"It's the hostess' job to create a party that's attractive and comfortable for her guests," says Grace Jones of Greenwich, Conn., wife of General Electric Co. President Reginald Jones. "But it's the guest's job to make the party successful—especially by being thoughtful."

An active woman in hospital volunteer work, Mrs. Jones works carefully when planning parties and starts in August to prepare for her many Christmas parties. "I'm a very disciplined person. I don't like to get caught short." Dinner parties that are not "too large" suit her tastes best. "If I'm having 40 guests, I set up tables around my home for buffet-style. My dining room holds no more than 20." The menu is always "eye-appealing"—beef Stroganoff, salad, a garnish of spiced fruit from California with fruit tarts for dessert. Mrs. Jones has a favorite (*Continued on page 168*)

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Robert Miglio, the young man who did the arrangements pictured on pages 134-135, is co-owner of Robert Webb Inc., a year-old flowershop in Manhattan. As is often the case, his seemingly overnight success is the result of several years of work with successful society as well as with commercial florists.

Although Miglio obviously has a gutsy feeling for flowers, he disclaims great talent. "Fixing flowers demands common sense," he says, but adds, "maybe common sense isn't such a common thing these days." He does admit a good sense of color is helpful.

Miglio aims for arrangements that look unarranged, something more difficult to do than it sounds. "It's mostly in the stem work. I prefer crushed chicken-wire as the foundation, instead of the foam widely used today. However, in a low container too shallow to hold enough water to sustain the cut flowers, I do use the water-saturated foam."

Using the center of the arrangement as the highest point, Miglio crisscrosses three stems tepee fashion and ties them together where they cross. "From there, it is easy to work the rest of the flowers into place. In a mixed bouquet, I contrast small flowers with large ones, spikes with rounds, lights with darks."

The end result is a bouquet that appears to be a lavish abundance of flowers, with each bloom, regardless of how small and delicate, seeming to occupy its own special niche. One reason the flowers in a Miglio arrangement shine as they do is that he uses only the natural greens that are part of each flower's stem. He does not "fill" with ferns, so-called lemon leaves or stiff huckleberry stems. "I do strip away any leaves that would be submerged in water and also any floppy, wilty foliage that would distract from the freshness of the flowers."

Not every arrangement from Miglio's shop is made of flowers. He suggests baskets of oranges or lemons. "If you don't touch them after arranging in the basket, they won't mold. After a month or so they turn a beautiful brown."

For holiday tables, he likes to use mounds of rock candy to conceal a container of water-soaked foam, into which he thrusts flower stems. "In a candlelit room the flowers make shimmering reflections in the rock candy. It's spectacular."

His arrangements are representative of the work by a new breed of florists who disdain the highly stylized, graceless clichés of commercial floristry—tight balls, triangles and curves of flowers wired stiffly into place with the uniformity of a production line. Miglio suggests that if your local florist is not attuned to the pleasures of arranging flowers naturally, you should buy the blooms you like best and arrange them yourself. And in warm weather, Miglio adds, "Your own garden flowers are always the most beautiful for bouquets."

When Miglio receives his daily supply of cut flowers from the market, he recuts the stems to fresh, firm, green tissue and plunges them in containers of room-temperature water for conditioning. "I give roses a long slanting cut and if they show the slightest signs of wilting, I find that warm—not hot—water helps them revive."

For woody, meaty stems such as stock, lilac and forsythia, Miglio recommends crushing the lowest inch of the stem before placing in water. "This procedure can be repeated several times on successive days with winter-forced white lilacs; each time you cut off the crushed part to firm stem, then recrush about an inch. The flowers have an incredible ability to take on more moisture."

Flower stems that exude a milky or gelatinous sap, such as poppies, poinsettias and butterfly-weed, as well as hollow stems such as those of dahlias, will last as cut blooms if the lower inch of stem is charred over flame, then plunged immediately into warm water.

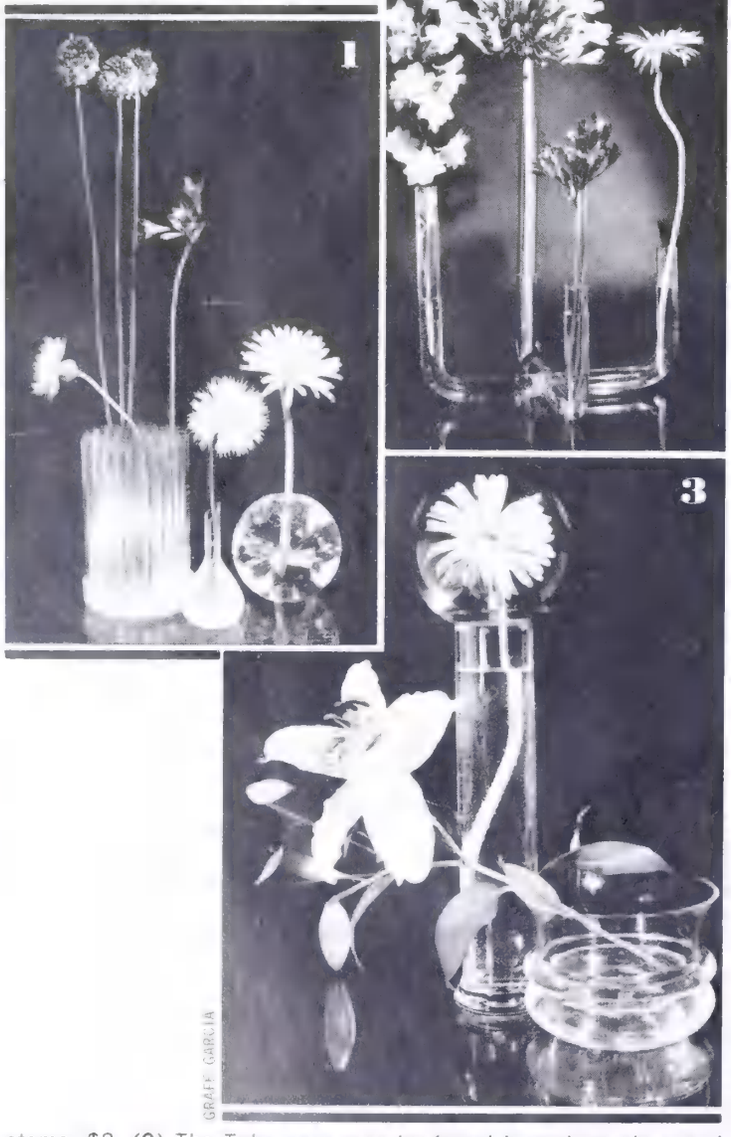
Miglio suggests sending flowers the morning before a dinner party, or else a day or two afterward as a thank-you. "When you arrive at the party with a big bunch of flowers, who has time to fix them?"

The only rules Miglio follows for flowers on party dining tables are simple, common-sense basics: Avoid crowding the table with flowers. Avoid heavy fragrances like gardenias and hyacinths. Avoid arrangements so tall and bushy that you can't see over or around them.

As might be expected of someone who works all day with flowers, Miglio confesses that at home he is not really a flower person. "When I entertain, I am more likely to take from the shop only one or two of my favorite flowers." His favorites? "Lilies and ranunculus. The only flower I don't really like is the chrysanthemum. Jean Brody summed up my feelings perfectly when she said, 'Oh, chrysanthemums, they're so serviceable.' I prefer the more ethereal flowers. Sweet peas, for example. They may last only a day. But then I make exceptions, too. A well-budded stem of lilies may last two weeks, with new buds continuing to open as the other flowers fade."

As scented leaves and fragrant flowers in a bouquet begin to dry out, Miglio hangs or spreads them in an airy place. When completely dry, leaves such as rose, lemon geranium and lemon-verbena, with petals such as rose, carnation, delphinium and anemone, will form the basis for a fine potpourri. ■

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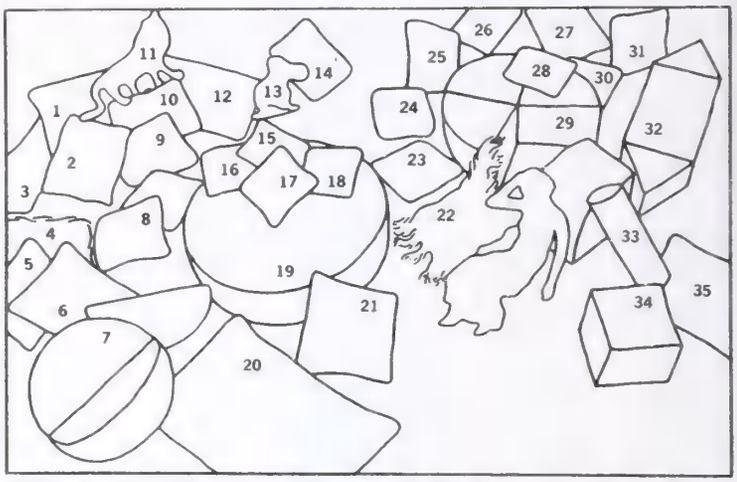
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The new floor furniture

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They're pillows still—but their size and design impact (see *pages 120-121*) may make you forget conventional casual furniture. **1.** Pillow covered in remnants of a Tunisian Oudref, The Pillowry, 929 Madison Ave., New York City 10021. $145. **2.** Portuguese puzzle pillow designed and made by craftswoman Kathleen Moore, 61 Morton St., New York City 10014. Sailcloth and corduroy worked in an abstract jigsaw puzzle pattern, inspired by the coast of Portugal. $65. **3.** Moroccan Divan Pillow, The Pillowry. $110. **4.** White Yak pillow, 36 by 36 inches, quilted backing, at Jacques Kaplan Furs, 730 Fifth Ave., New York City 10022. $210. **5** and **6.** Suede pillows designed by Florence Sohn for L'Insolite, 39 E. Eighth St., New York City 10021. Hand-laced and available in any color. Also available at Luten-Clarey-Stern, 1059 Third Ave., New York City 10021. **7.** Large red-white-and-blue vinyl ball unzips to become six sections or pillows for sitting. Designed by Judy Reiser, it won the National Home Fashion League's first $2,000 National Craft Fellowship. Available through the designer at 99-11 63rd Ave., Rego Park, N.Y. 11374. **8.** Indonesian cotton batik floor pillows come in a variety of colors and patterns. Karl Mann, 55 W. 13th St., New York City 10011. The 16 by 16-inch size, $24; 23 by 23-inch size, $36. **9.** Semi-antique Sheroz saddlebag made into a pillow for The Pillowry. $120. **10.** Pillow covered in antique Caucasian Killim, The Pillowry. $110. **11** and **13.** Leopard and dog pillows are Boussac of France cotton fabric (available through decorators) made into pillows stuffed with Dupont Dacron polyester fiberfill. Fabric is $14.55 for the leopard and $9.75 for the dog. Pillows made by Irene Hoehl. **12.** Iranian Soumac mat made into a pillow by The Pillowry. $185. **14, 24, 25.** Colorful pears and leaves printed on cotton cover pillows in Jack Lenor Larsen's newest fabric collection by Sweden's Sven Fristedt for Boras Cotton Studio. Available only through decorators. **15** to **19.** Harry Schule and John McCaville's fabric designs for I.D. Fabrics (available through decorators) cover a giant five-foot pouf in "Flower Power" pattern. Small pillows covered in the Schule-McCarville fabrics are "Killim," "Squares" and "Rope" designs. **20.** Two Regal area rugs cover this reversible pillow (or love seat). They are the color-related "Samarra" (*shown*) and "Thin Line Plaid" (*other side*) designs forming front and back. Rugs are made of Acrilan Plus acrylic fiber and are machine-washable. **21.** and **31.** Two exclusive floor pillow kits designed for House Beautiful by Marcia Podell, Plush Point Patterns, 233 E. 69th St., New York City 10021. Each is 30 by 30 inches and complete kits sell for $49.95 each. The yellow-and-red direction pillow and the blue-green floral have matching throw pillow kits. New York residents please add sales tax. **22.** Completely woven by hand (including tassels), this Canadian pillow was designed by Raymond Senior. The wool yarns are available in custom colors from David Barrett, 24 E. 54th St., New York City 10022. **23.** A woven pillow of straw strips on velvet, designed by Sarina. Many color combinations possible, available through decorators from John Mascheroni Inc. $75. **26.** From Karl Mann, 55 W. 13th St., New York City 10011, ethnic folk patterns worked in llama wool like this geometric. Imported from Peru, many of the designs of these pillows are more than 700 years old. **27.** Semi-antique Hamadan rug from Iran covers this rectangular pillow from The Pillowry. $135. **28.** Hungarian appliquéd black wool pillow. The Pillowry. $27.50. **29.** Four big pie-shaped "Megalumps," floor furniture by Ken Walker, Design Group, 200 W. 57th St., New York City 10019. Designed exclusively for House Beautiful, they are covered in thick yellow shag carpet from Magee and made of Acrilan Plus acrylic fiber. **30.** A patchwork of fabrics from Vice Versa (available through decorators) has been worked into a floor pillow design by Luis Vazquez, 360 W. 22nd St., New York City 10011. **32.** Artist John Harris uses pure foam to form his arrow pillows. Uncovered by fabric, the color is an integral part of the polyurethane foam. Available from Harris, 131 Greene St., New York City 10012. **33** and **34.** Two of the snappiest pillows around, designed by Stephanie Mallis Kahn for Felt Graphics Ltd. Graphic cube and the heart bolster are available as kits. $25 each. Order from: Felt Graphics Ltd., P.O. Box 285, Murray Hill Station, New York City 10016. Felt for prototypes from Central Shippee. **35.** Modern Bokhara embroidered pillow of fabric from Afghanistan. The Pillowry. $110. Background: Armstrong's "Sublime" polyester shag carpeting.

HOSTESS

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cook (a nearby farmer's wife), who will prepare dinner according to her specifications. She doesn't hire bartenders because her own help, who "add to the flavor of a warm household," help her run a smooth party.

Manhattanite Rita Fenster believes that a "right mix of people" is the most important part of planning an evening. "If the mix is bad, then the whole party falls." The wife of Milton Fenster, head of the public relations firm Milton Fenster Associates, she and her husband "try to invite people we think are interesting enough and broad enough in terms of sophistication and lifestyle to keep the juices flowing—people who can enjoy each other's company."

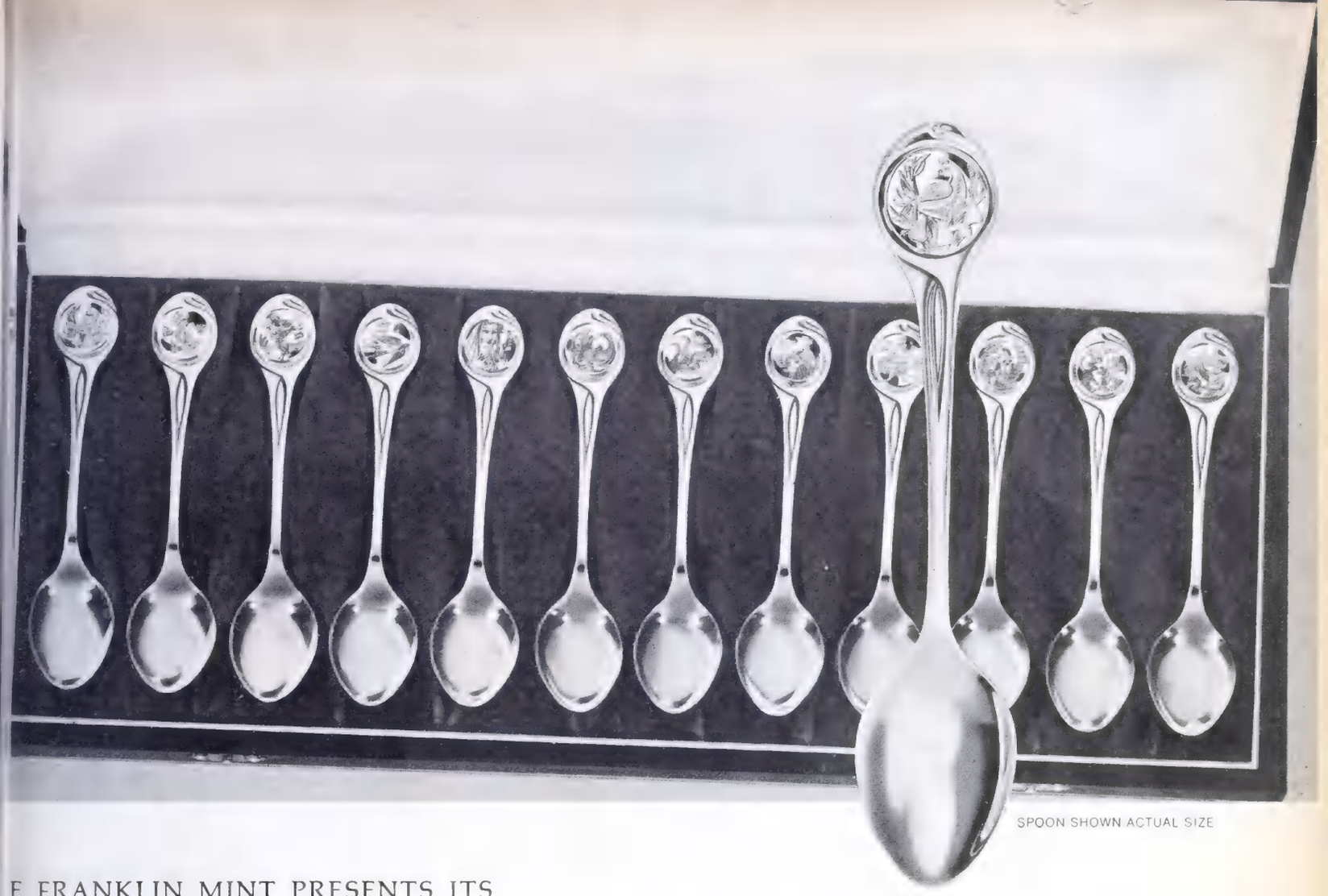
Keeping a sense of liveliness and sparkle is carried out with seating arrangements, too. "We consider mutual interests between our guests and seat them that way or I'll put an outgoing person next to a shier one."

Mrs. Fenster has a live-in cook but likes to make a special dish—Julia's Casserole: shrimp, okra, onions, peppers and stewed tomatoes with a "kicker" of dry sherry. This is served with rice and a salad. A considerate woman, she always tries to find out if her guests are on a special diet or have food allergies before planning a menu. And she always uses tablecloths in colors that will coordinate with the décor of her dining room.

Gloria Turner, another active Chicagoan, notes that if a hostess enjoys entertaining, her attitude will be "infectious" to others. As the owner of Light Source Inc. and the wife of Interior Decorator Robert Turner, Gloria entertains at least once a week—either keeping it small (six for dinner) or very large (dinners or cocktail parties for more than 20). Mixing age groups is "automatic," since the ages of their friends "span 20 years." Though the right size is crucial, Gloria feels that what "ties it together is great food, presented well." Family cooperation stimulates the Turners' enthusiasm for parties: "My six-year-old daughter loves our parties and always wants to help in the kitchen. And, after I plan the menu with my husband, he'll be responsible for the table settings."

Gloria and Robert always do the cooking—her husband's favorite entrée, a chicken curry served on green rice with almonds. Cooking crêpes for 60 was a challenge well-met—Gloria made the crêpes and froze them ahead of time.

She owns no "sets of anything—we just use the plates we love." When Robert Turner does the table ("He's probably never duplicated a setting."), color and form predominate. A personal favorite of hers is an arrangement of nine miniature blown-glass vases with a single blossom in each, all set on a mirrored plateau. Since her husband doesn't use either cloths or mats, all settings are placed directly on the table surface. ■



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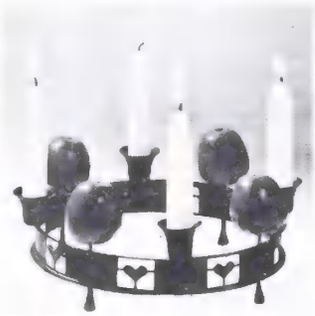
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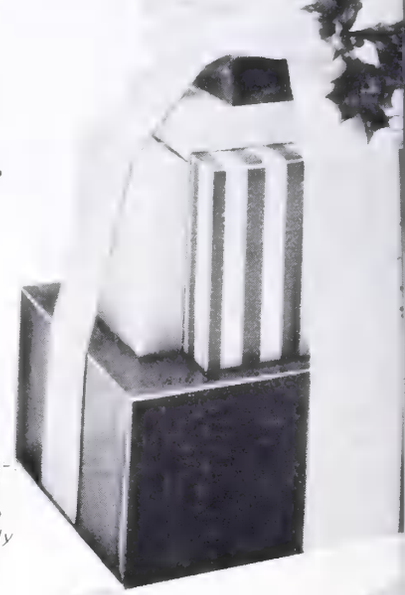
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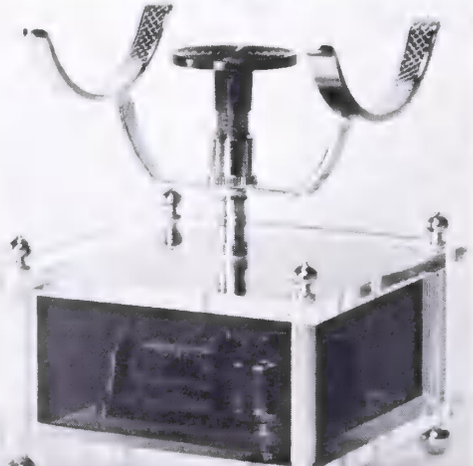
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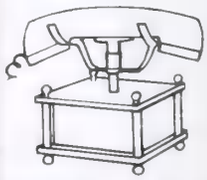
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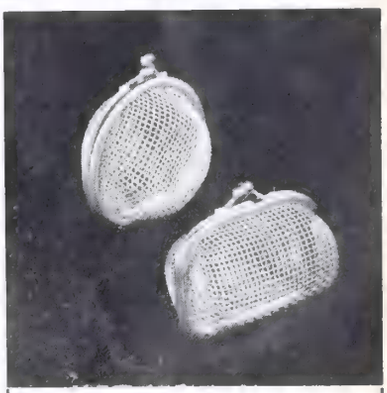
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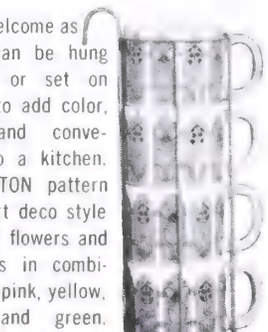


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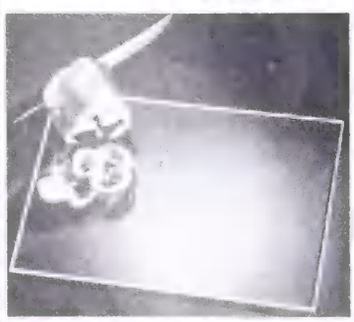
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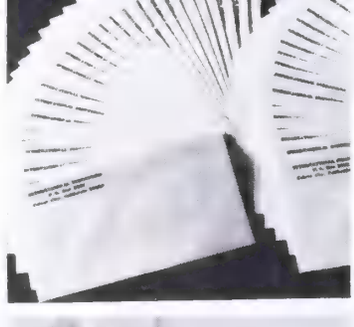
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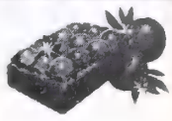
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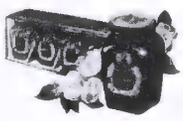
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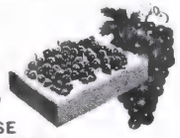
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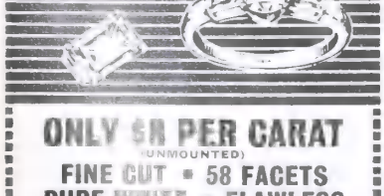
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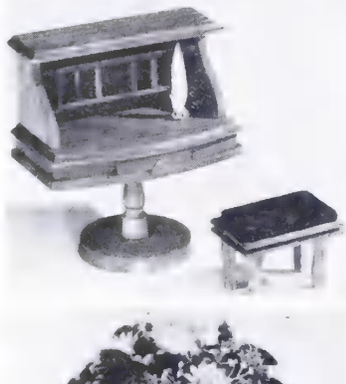
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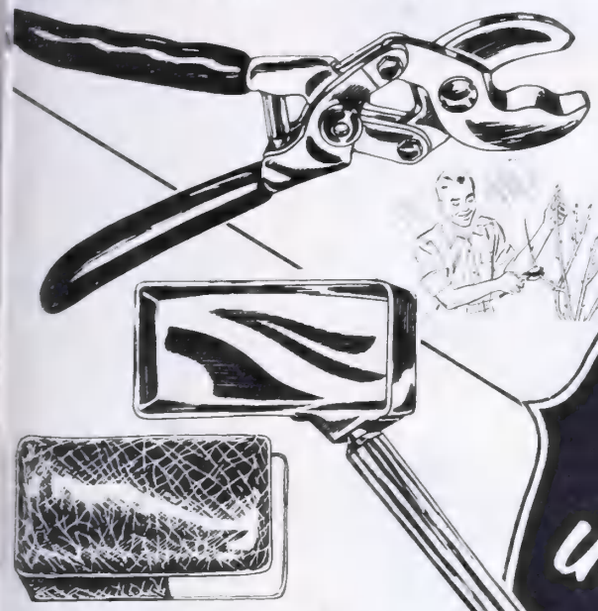
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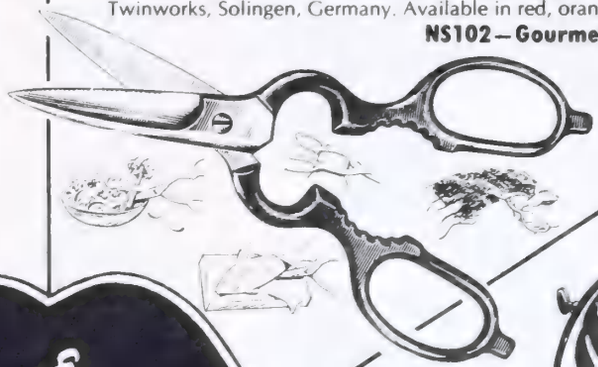
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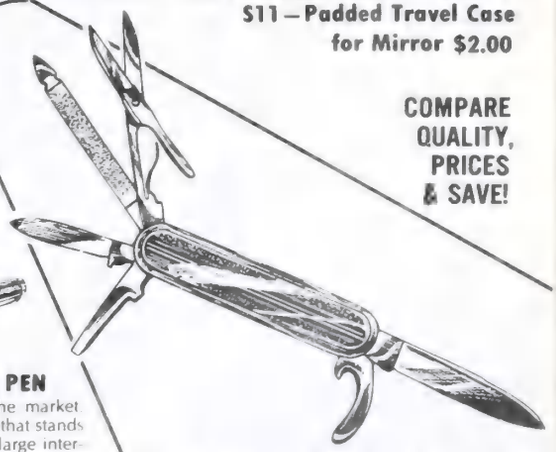
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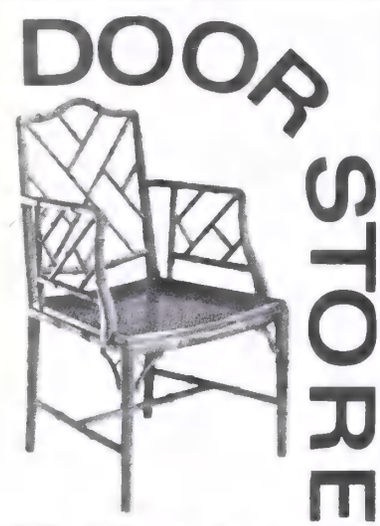
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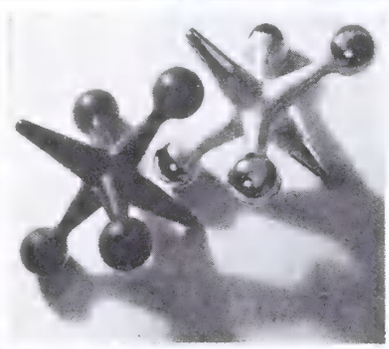
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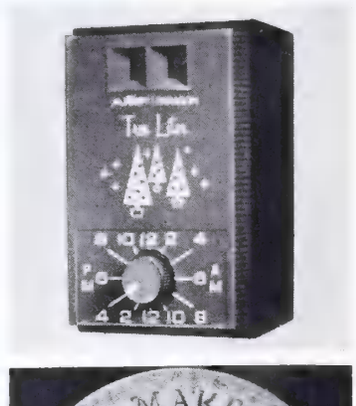
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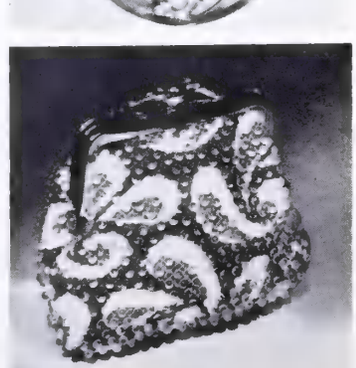
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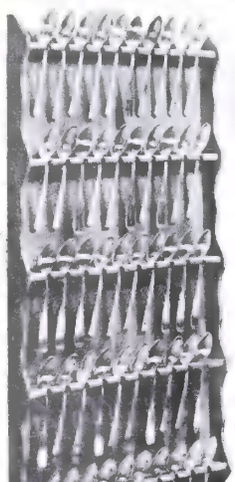
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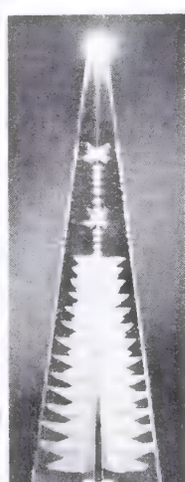
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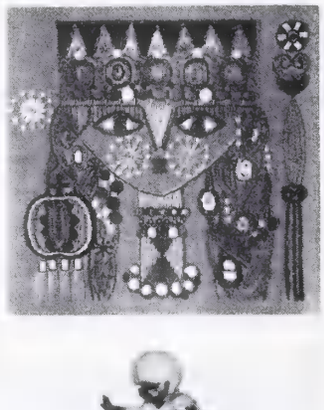


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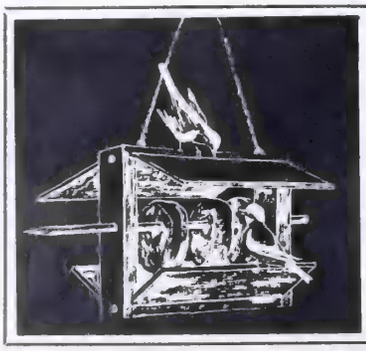
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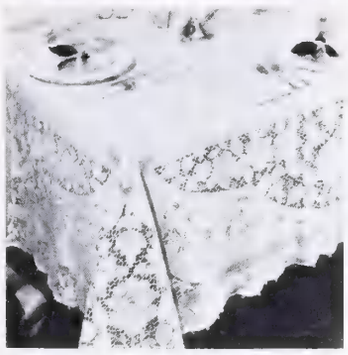
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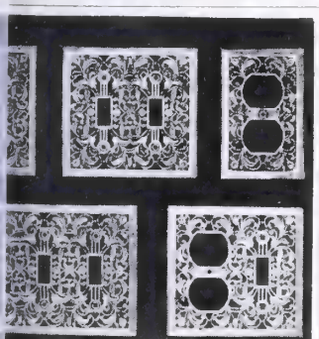


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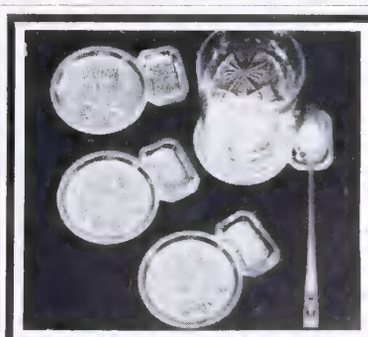
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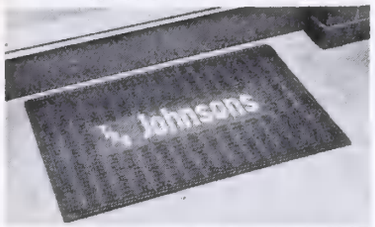
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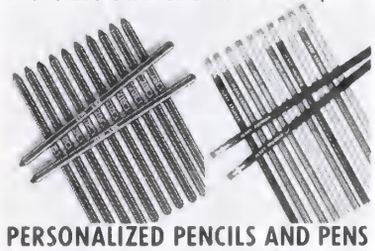
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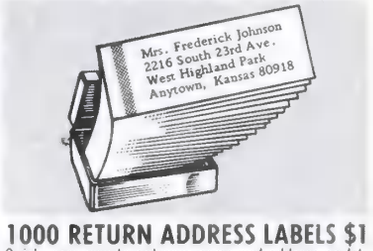
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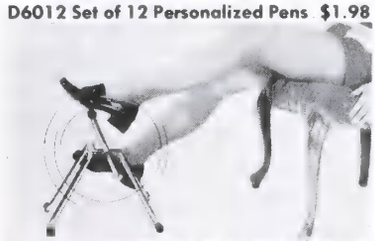
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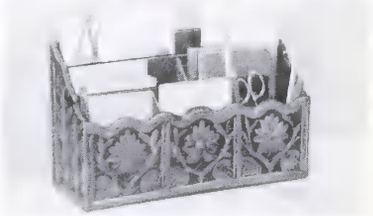
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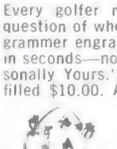
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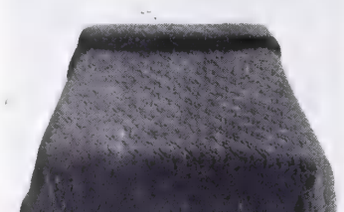
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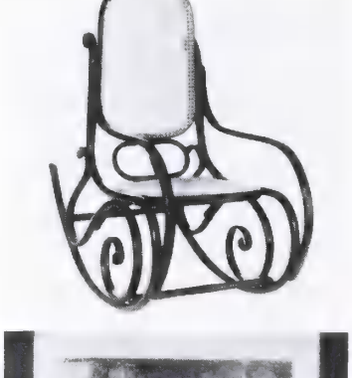
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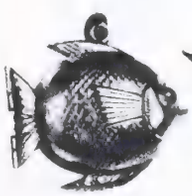
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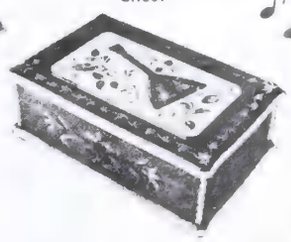
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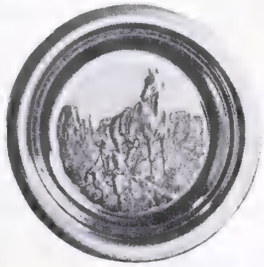
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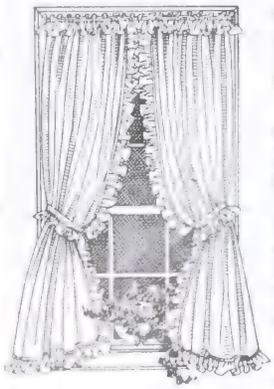
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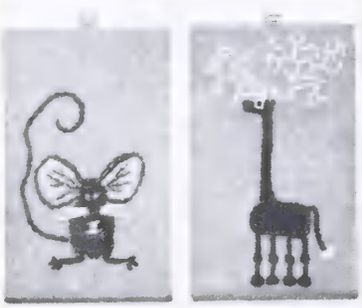
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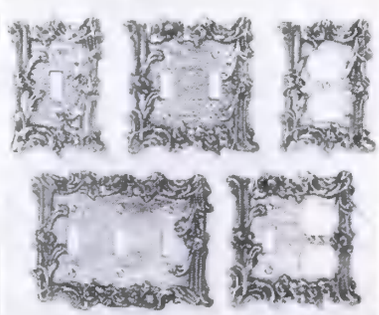
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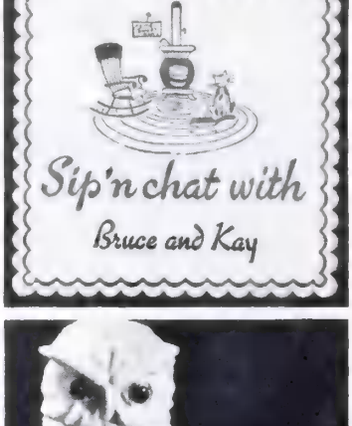
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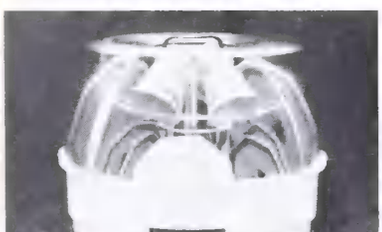
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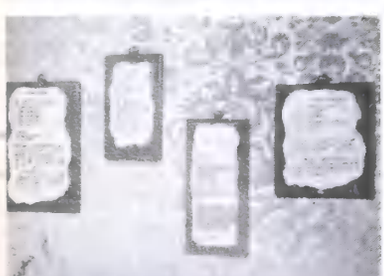
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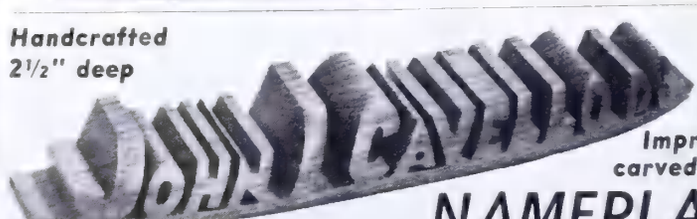


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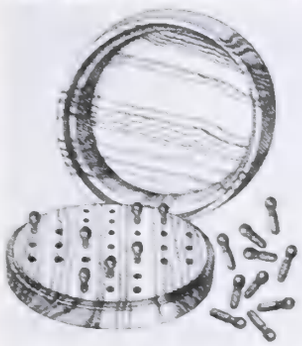
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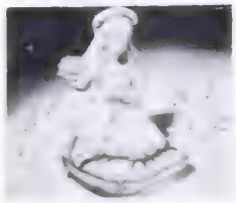
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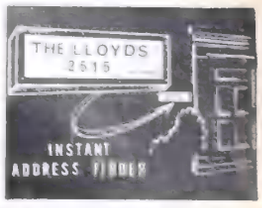
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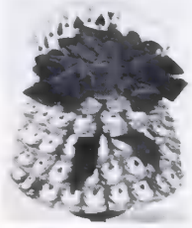
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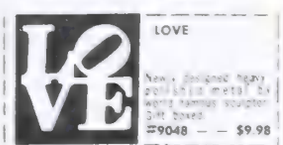
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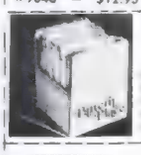
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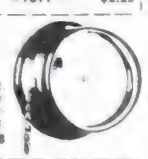


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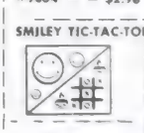


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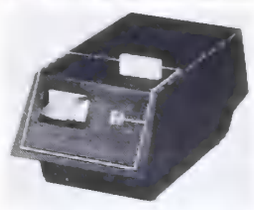


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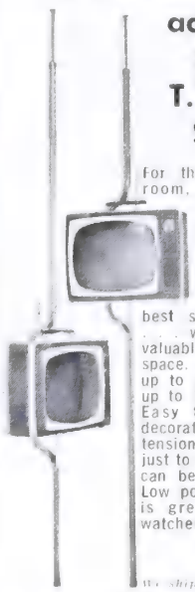
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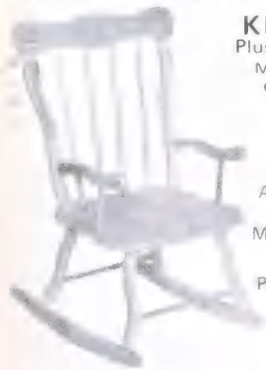
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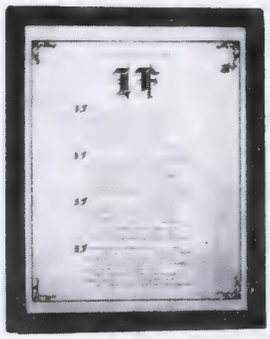
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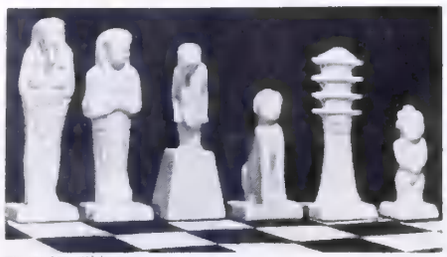
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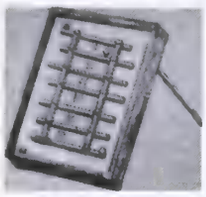
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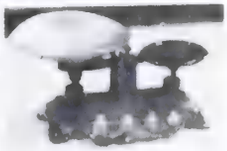
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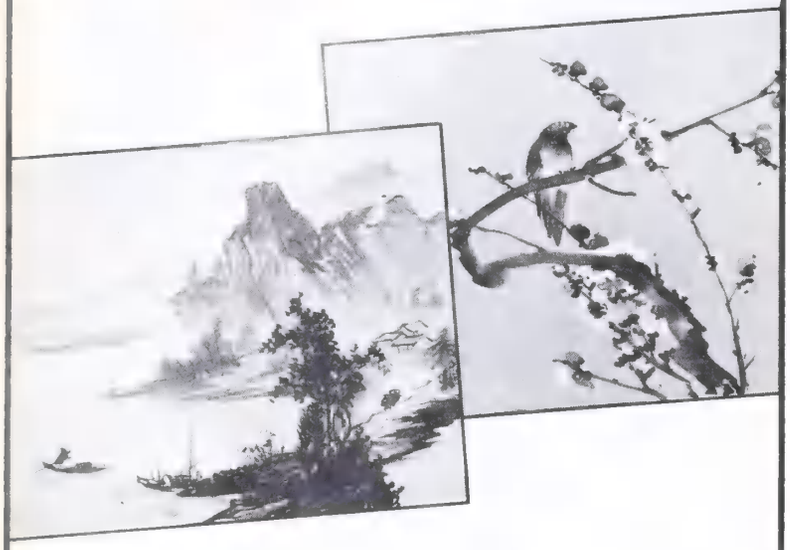
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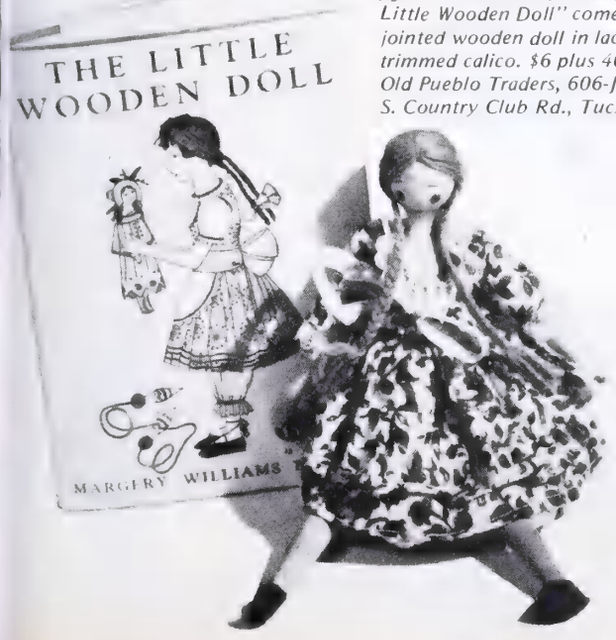
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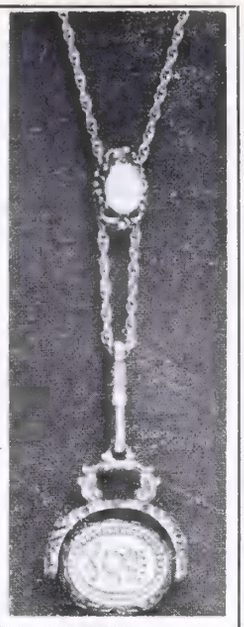


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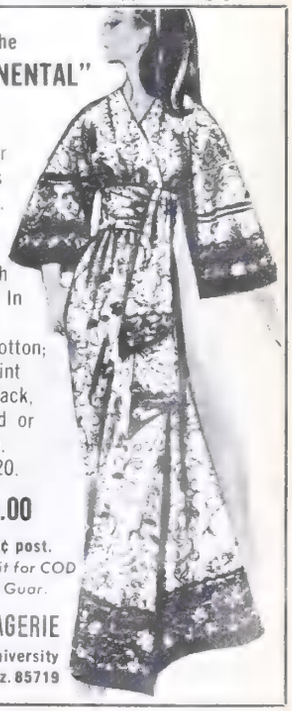
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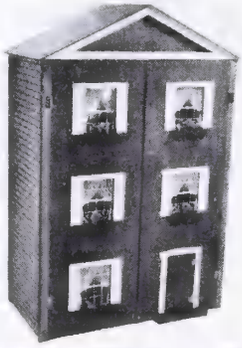


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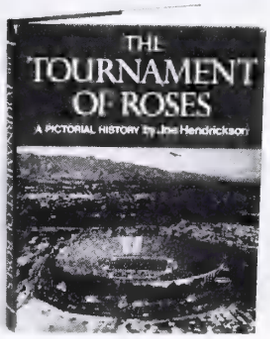
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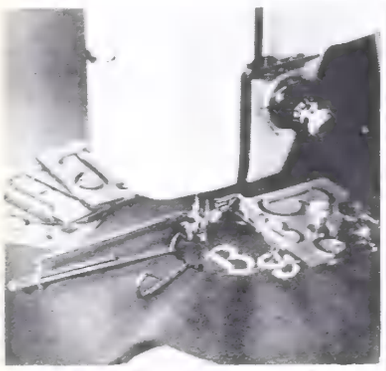
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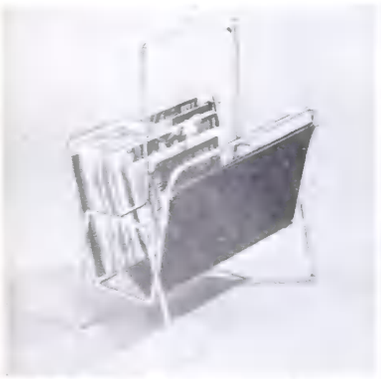
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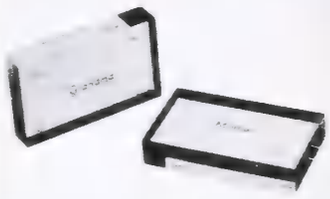
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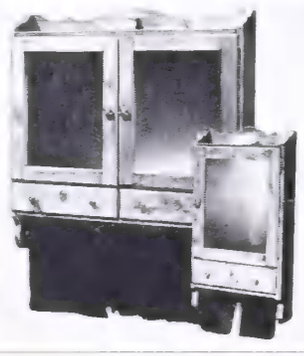
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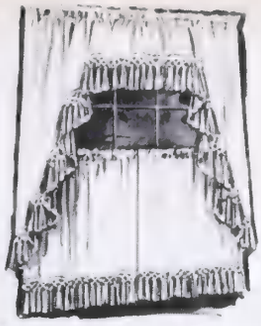
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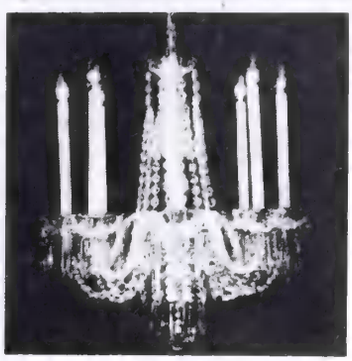
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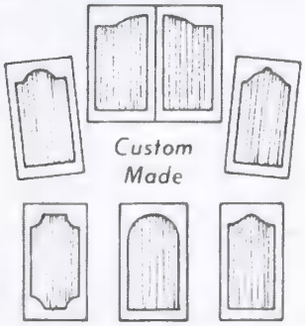
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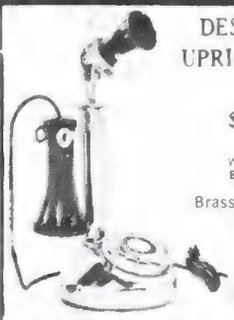
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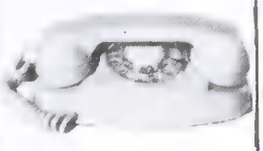
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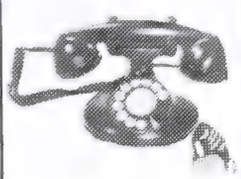


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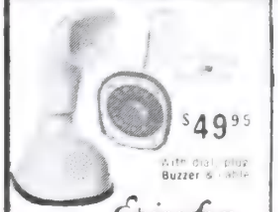
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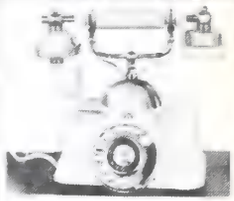


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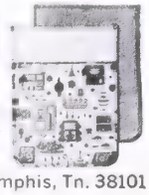
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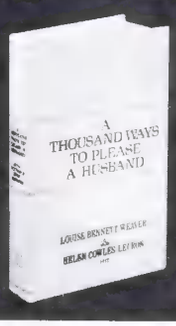
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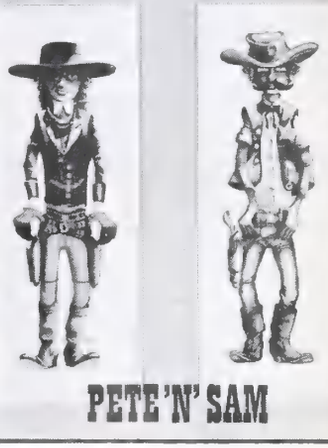
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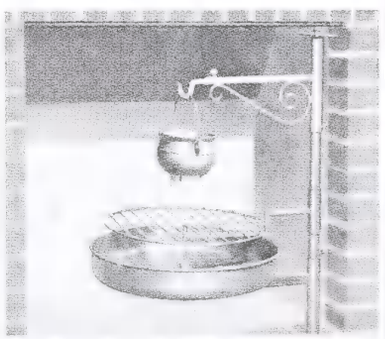
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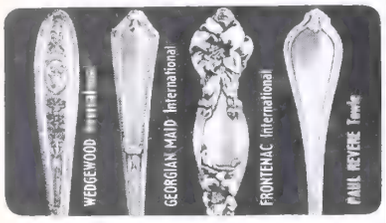
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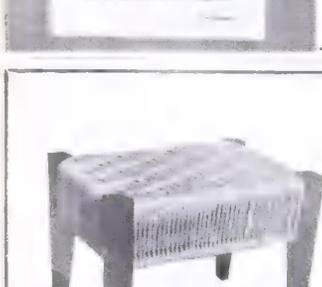
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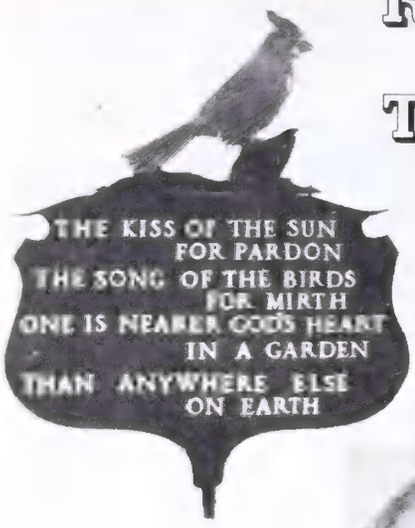
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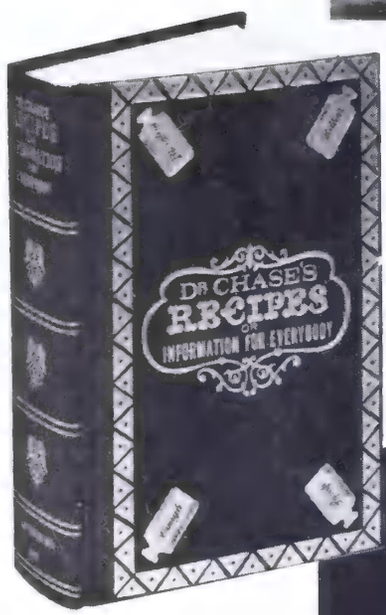
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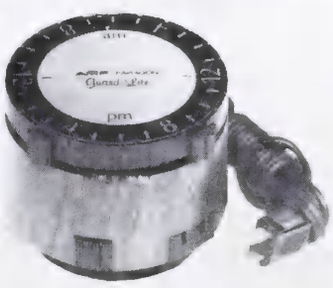
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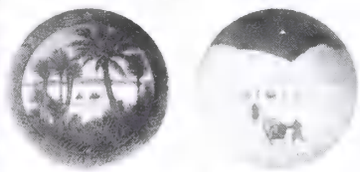
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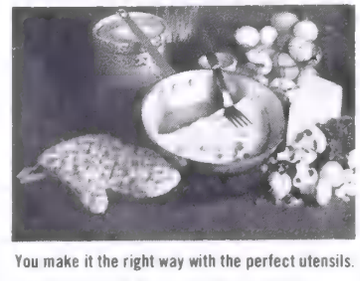
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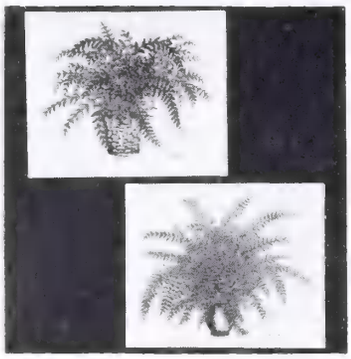
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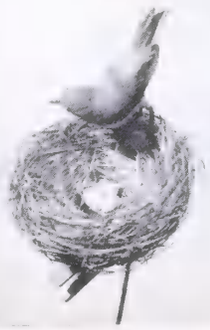
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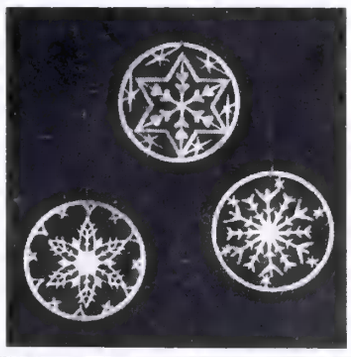
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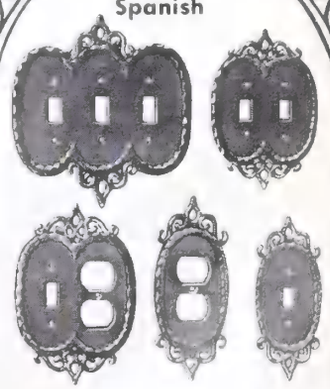


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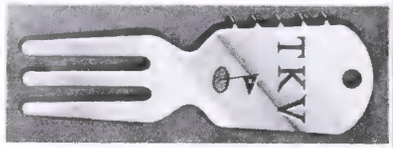


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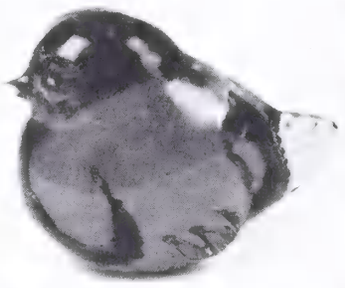
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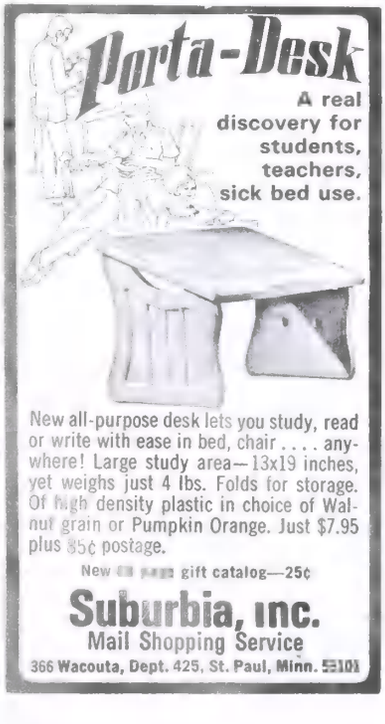
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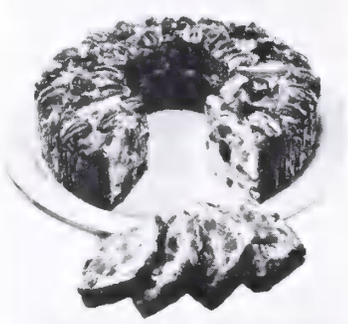
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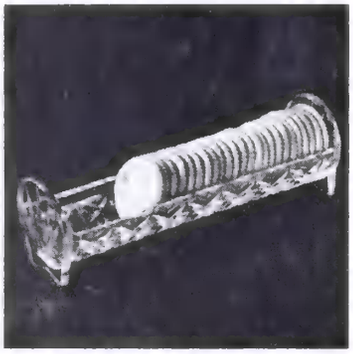
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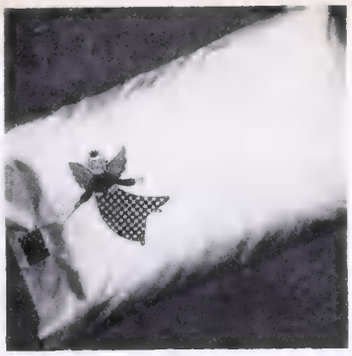
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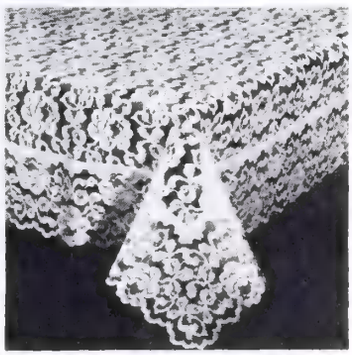
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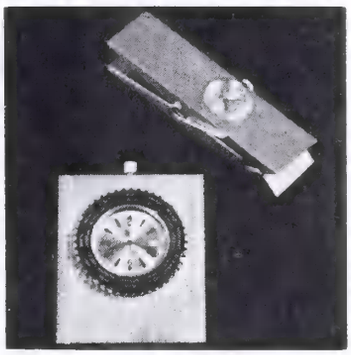
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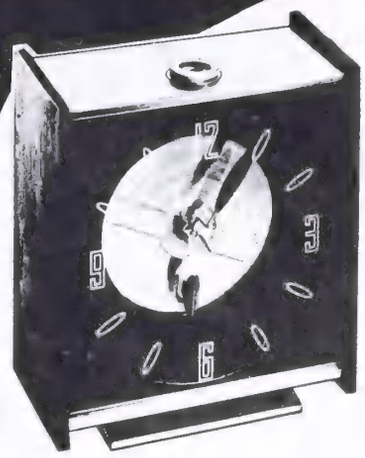
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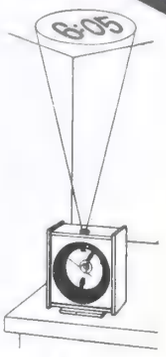


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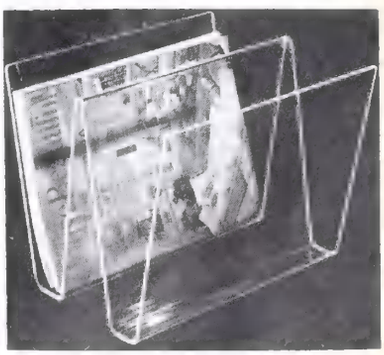
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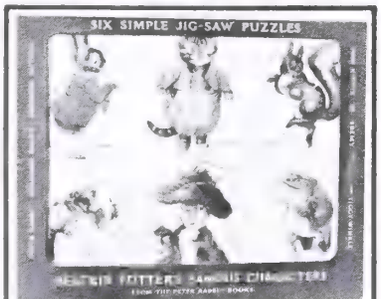
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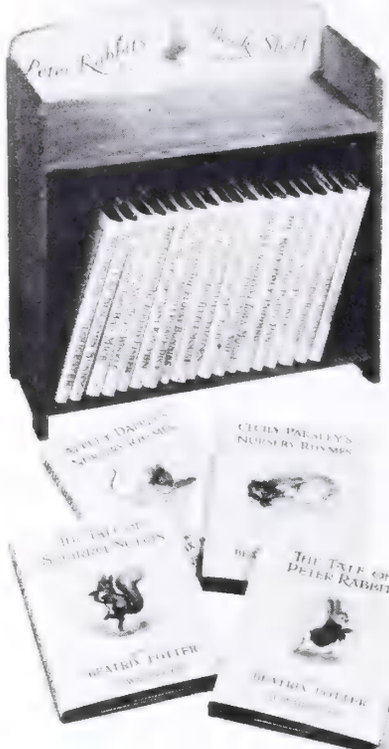


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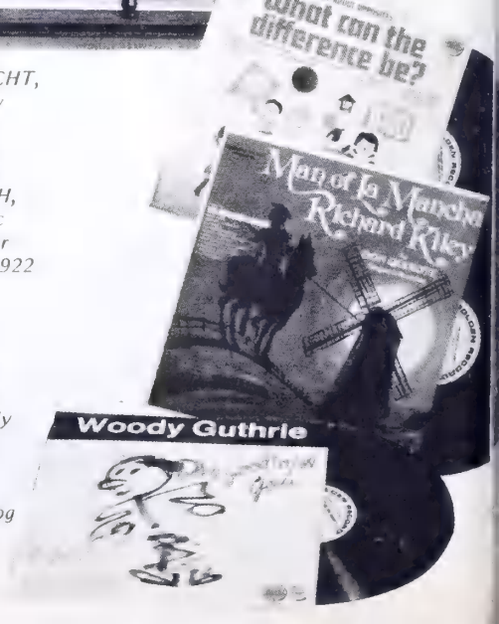
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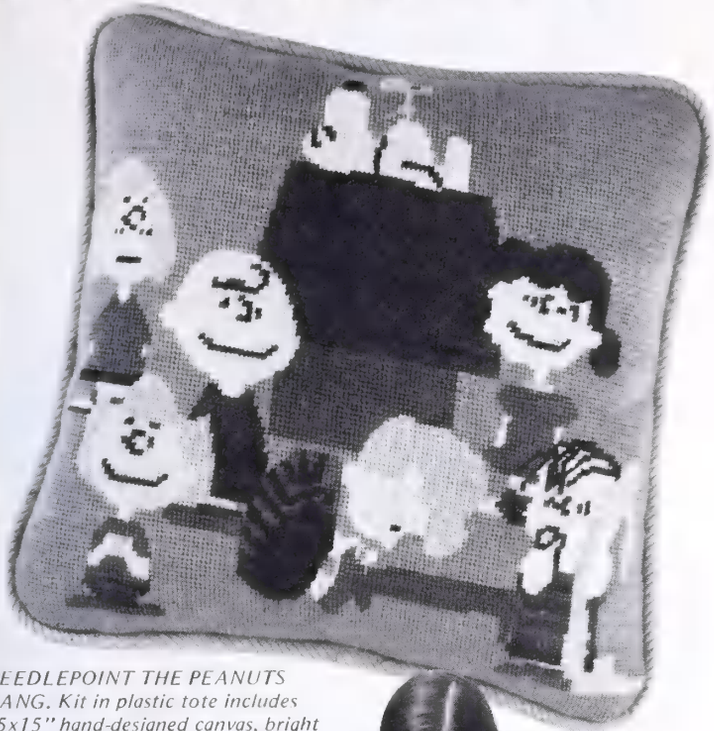


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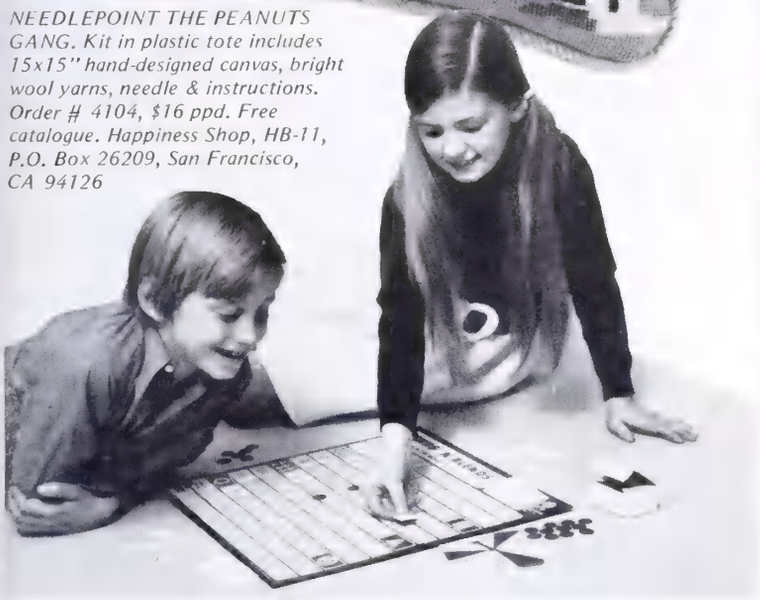


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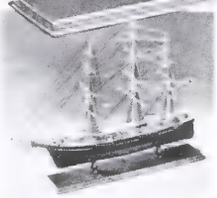
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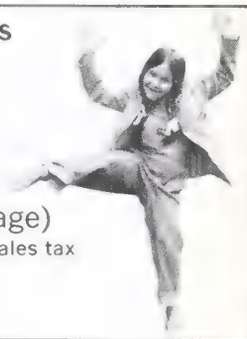


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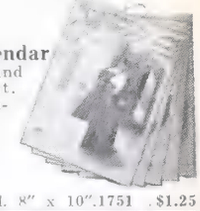
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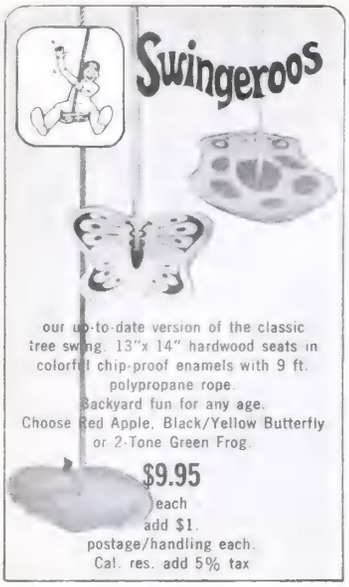


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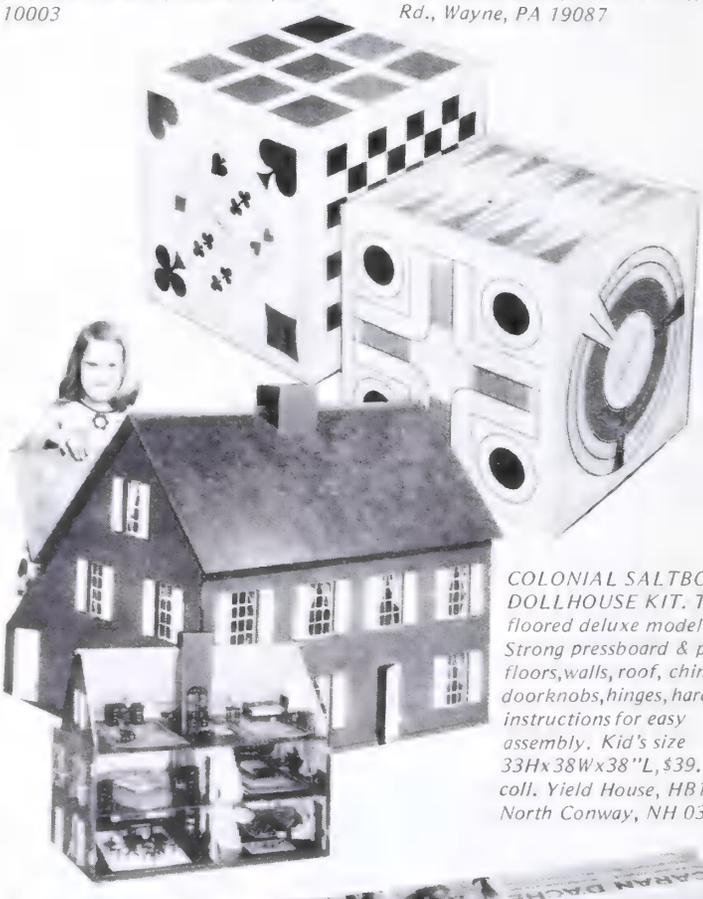
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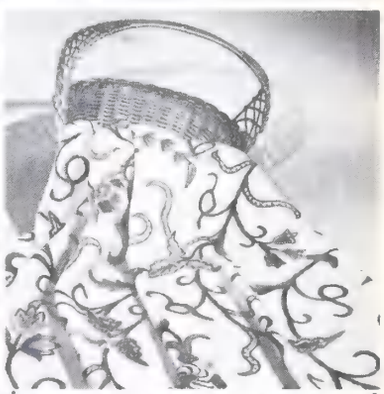
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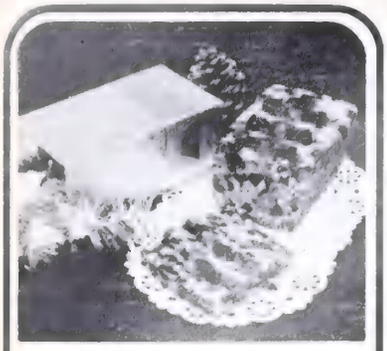
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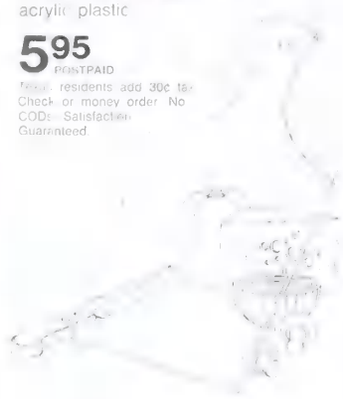
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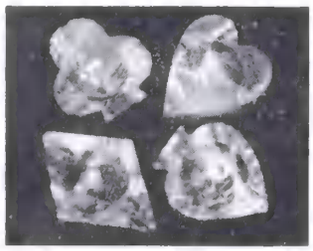
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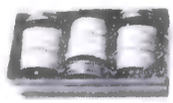
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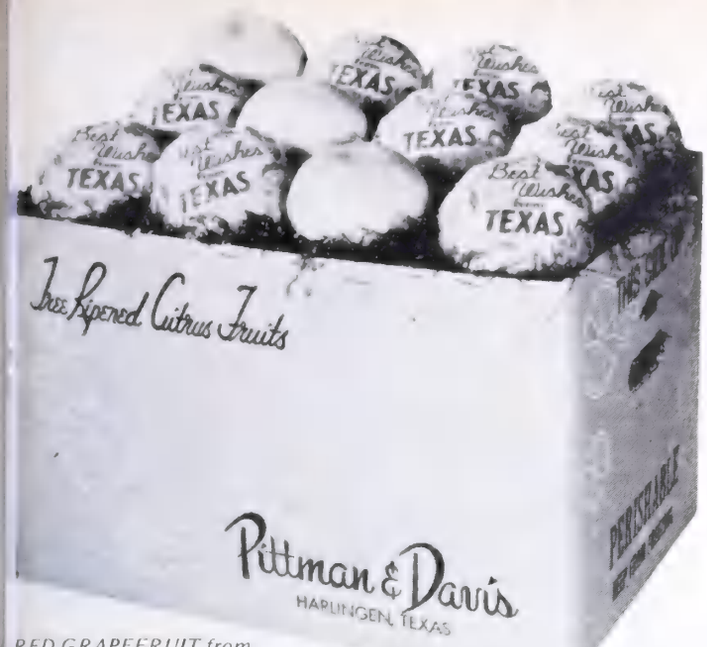
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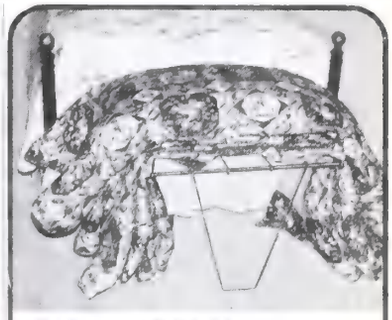
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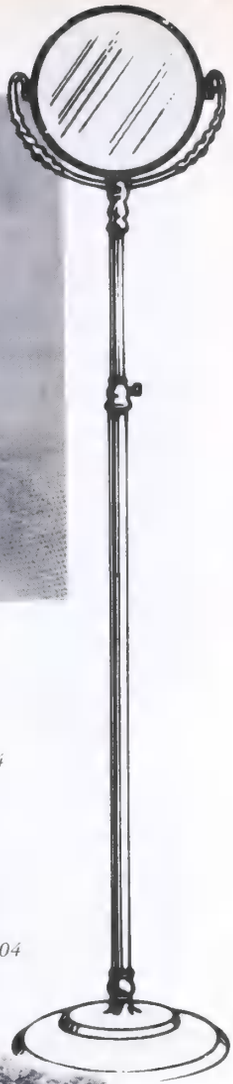




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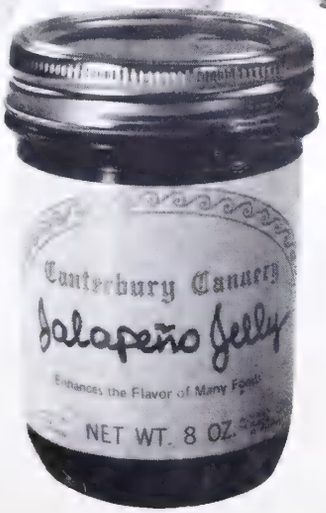
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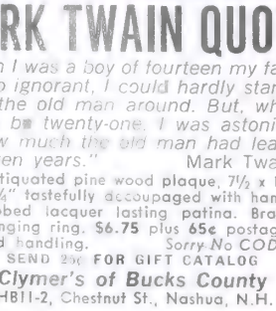
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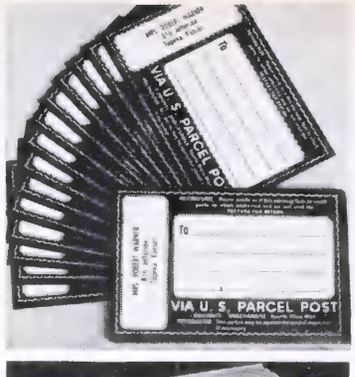
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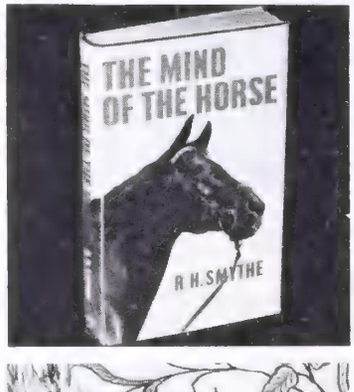
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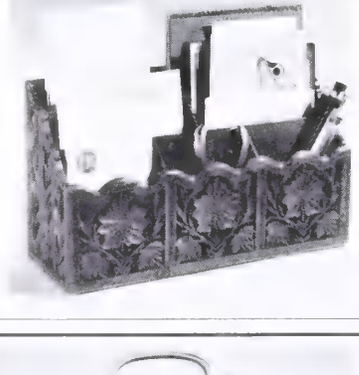
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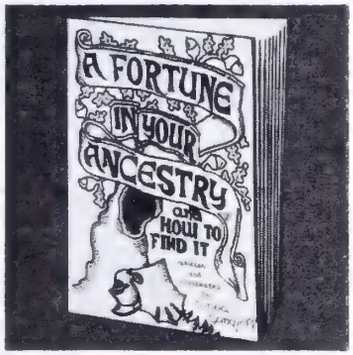
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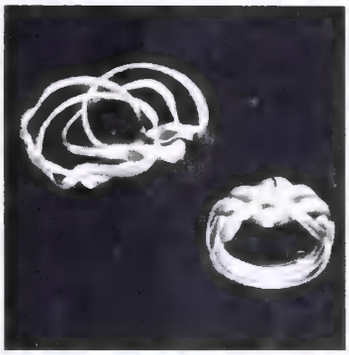
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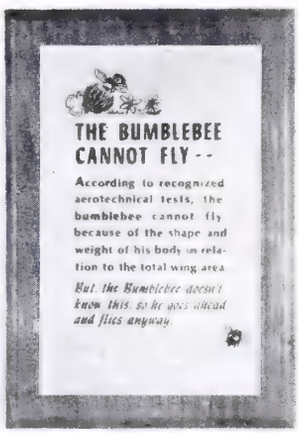
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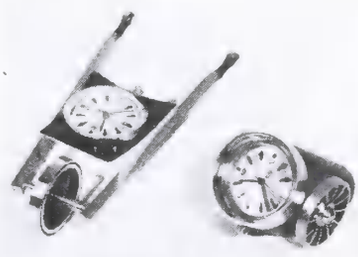
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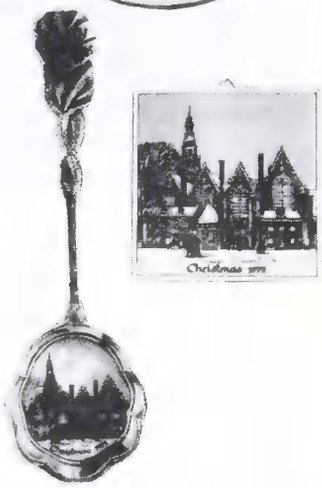
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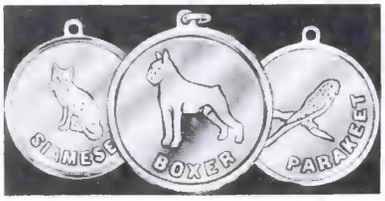
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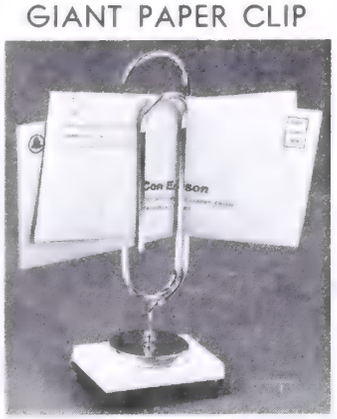


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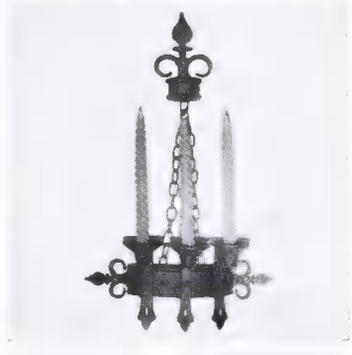
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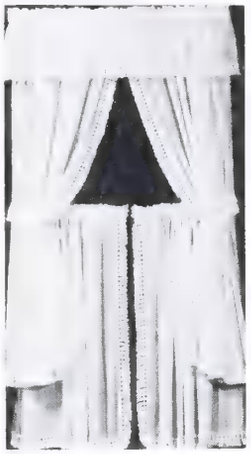
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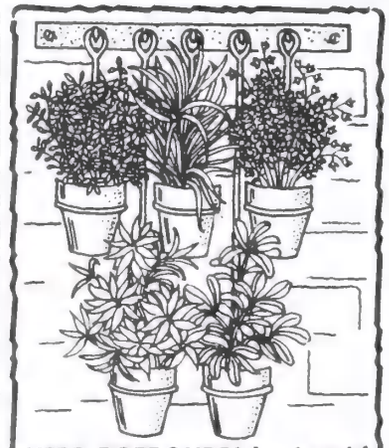


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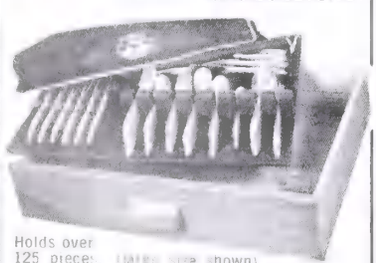
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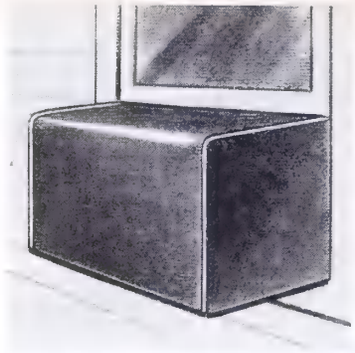
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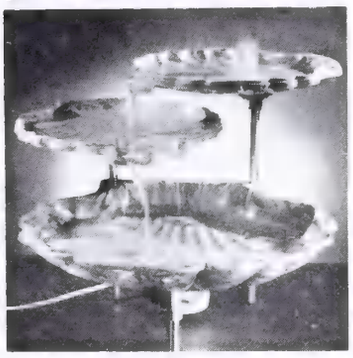
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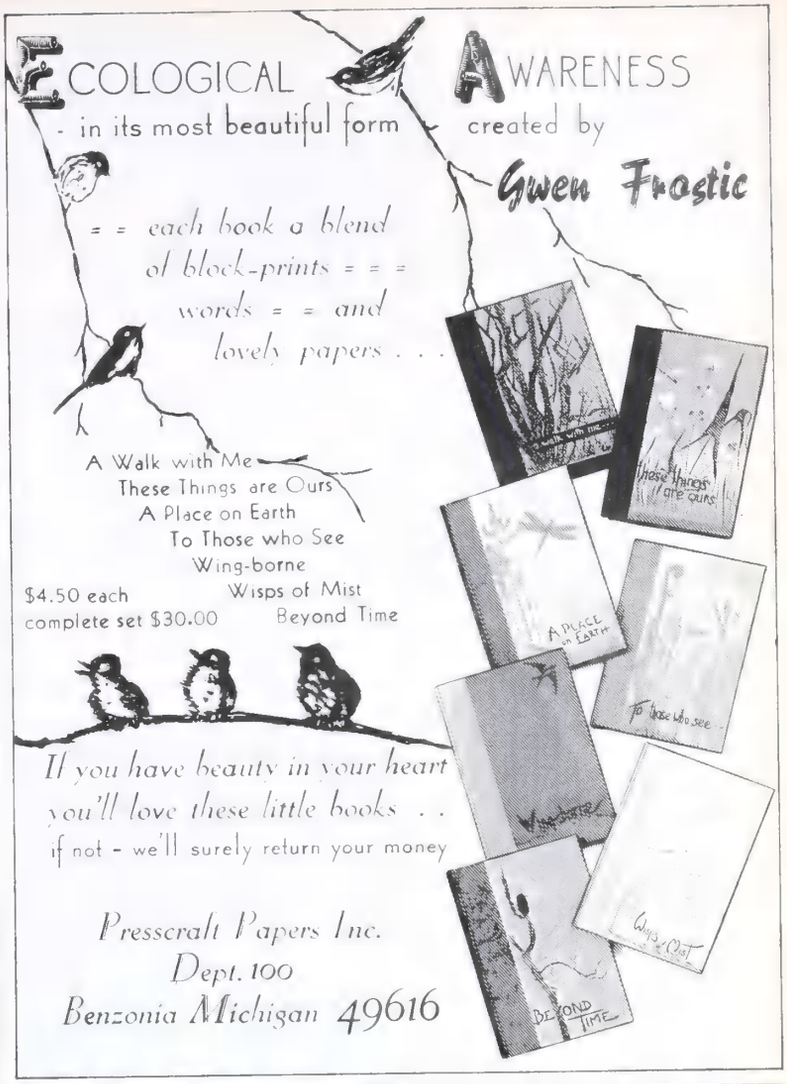
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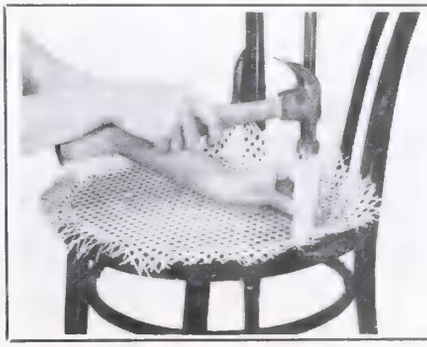
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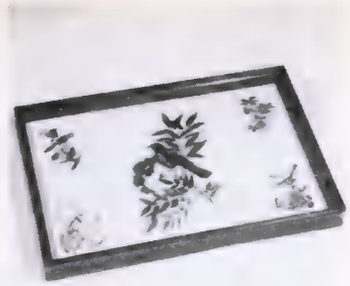
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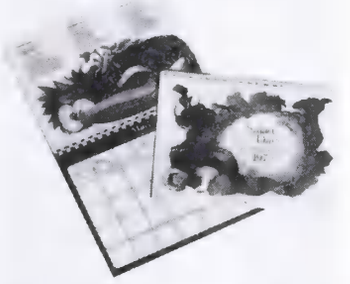
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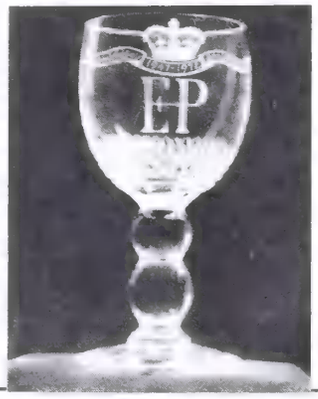
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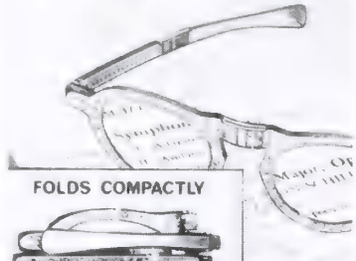
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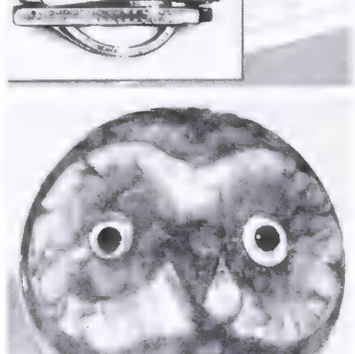
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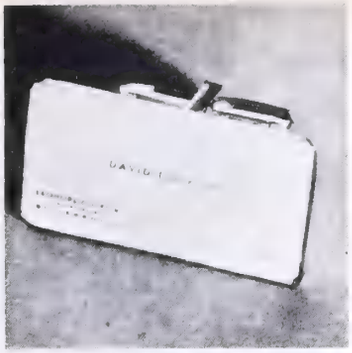
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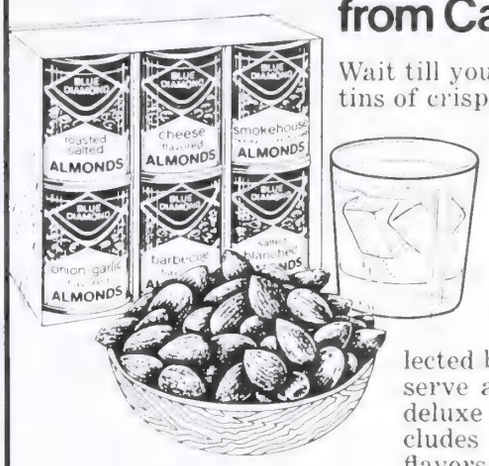


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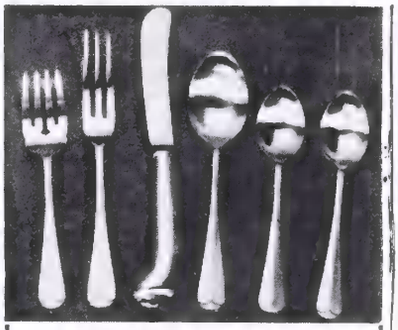
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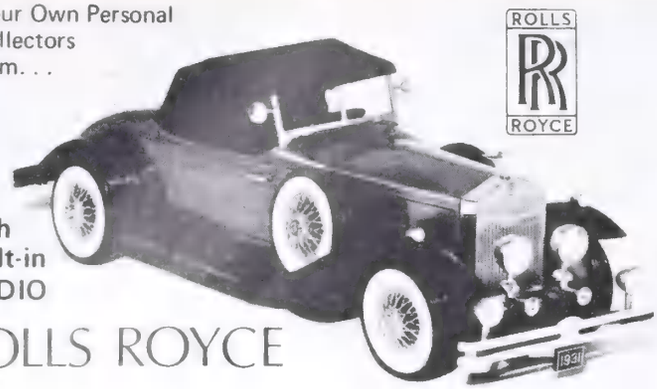


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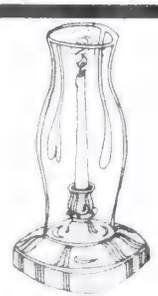
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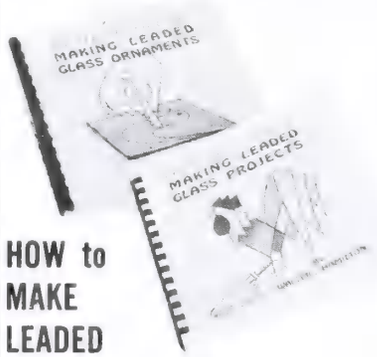


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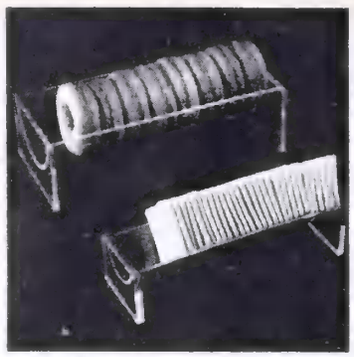
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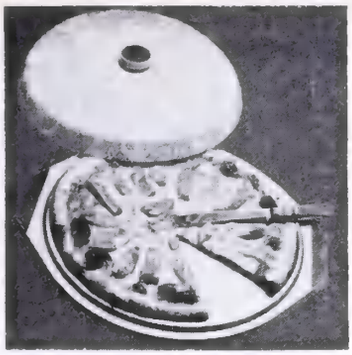
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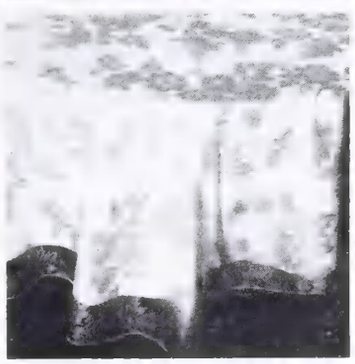
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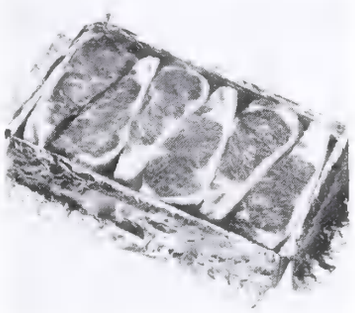
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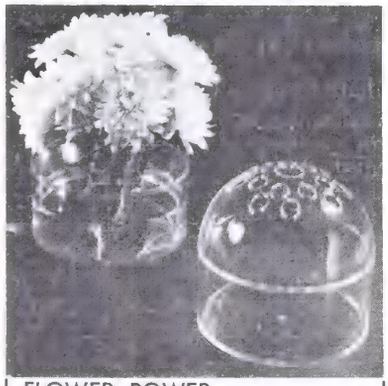


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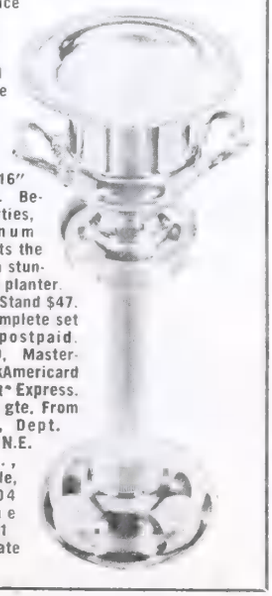
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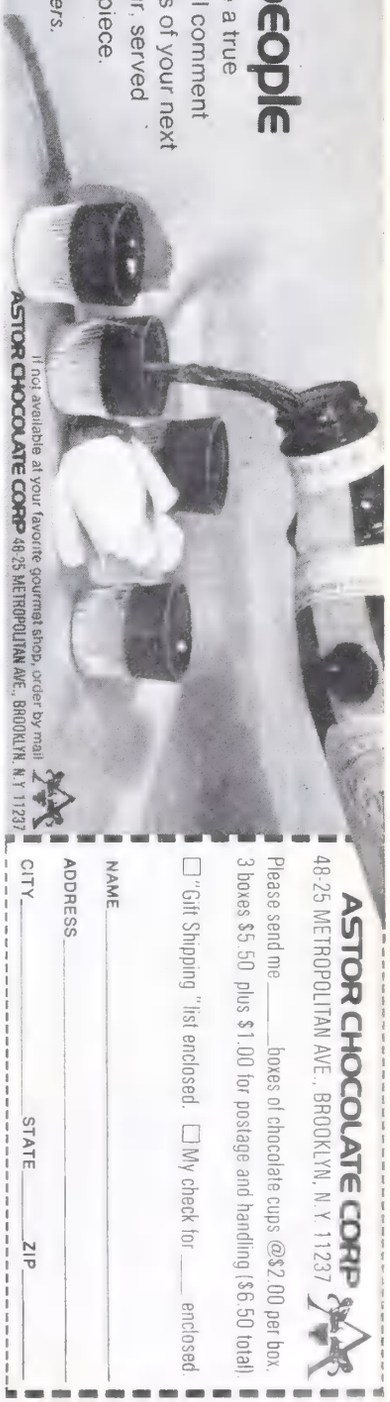


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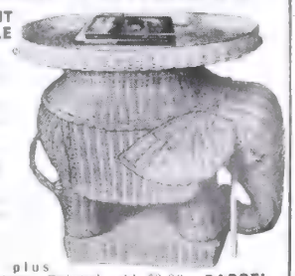
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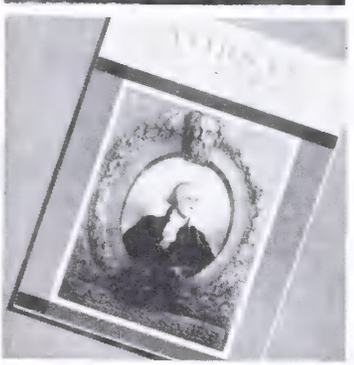
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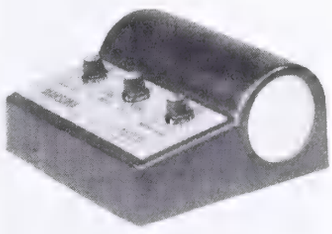
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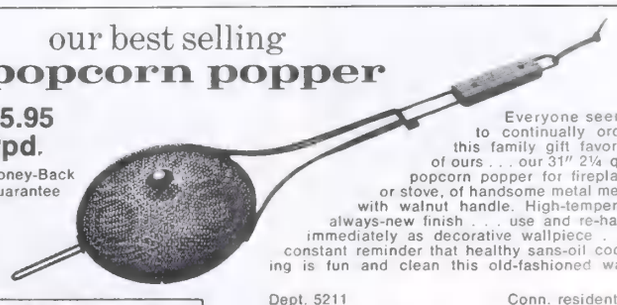
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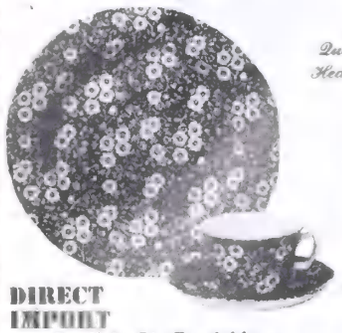
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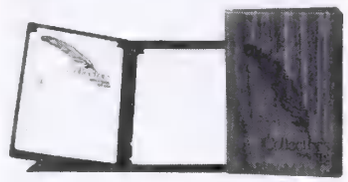
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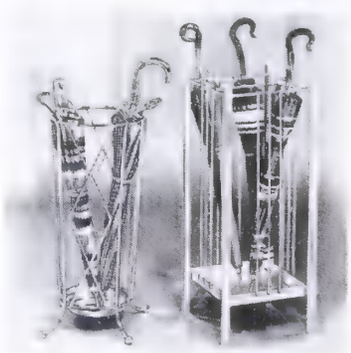
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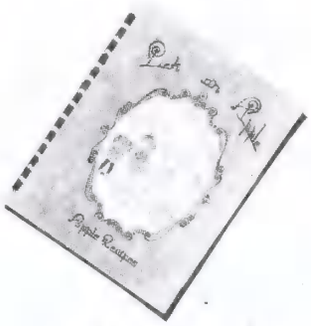
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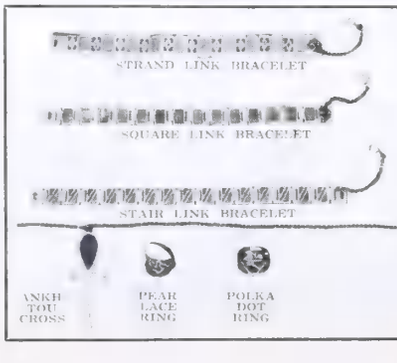
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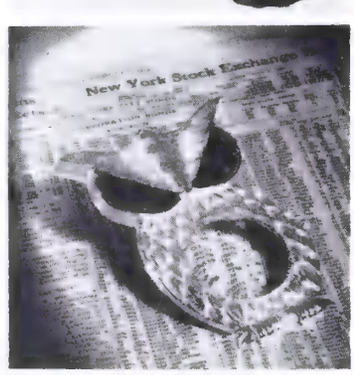
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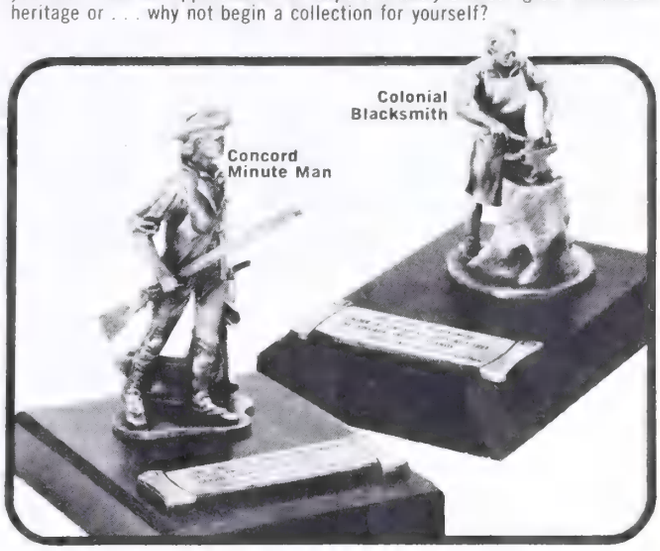


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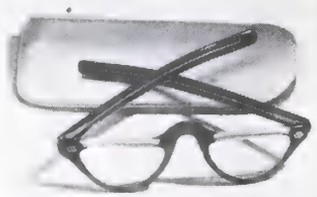


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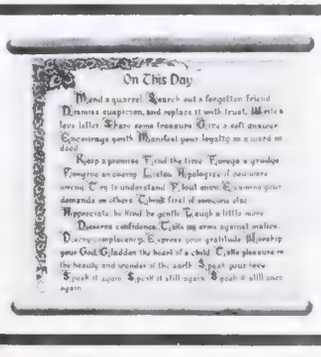
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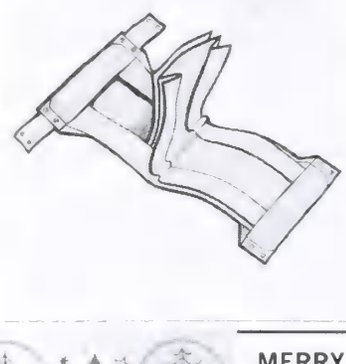
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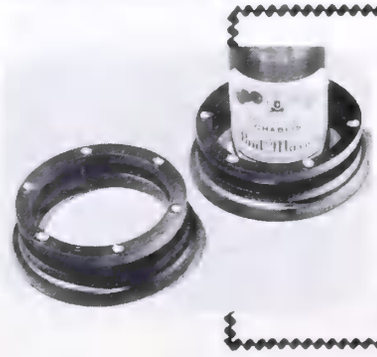


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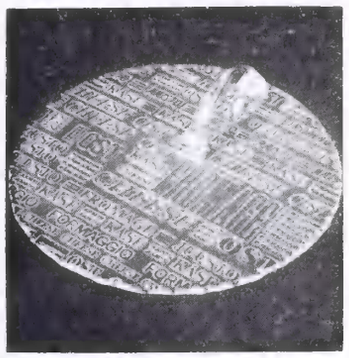
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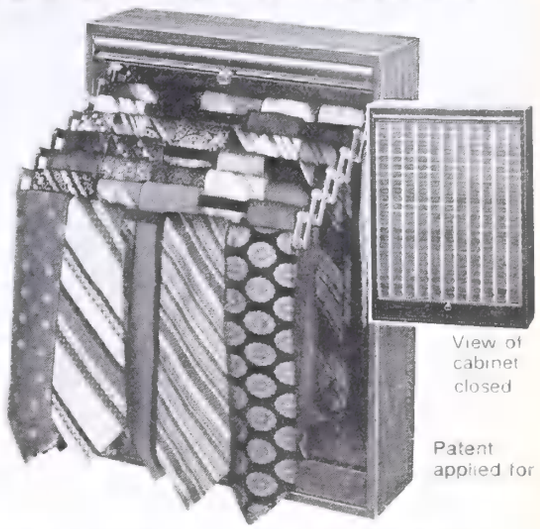
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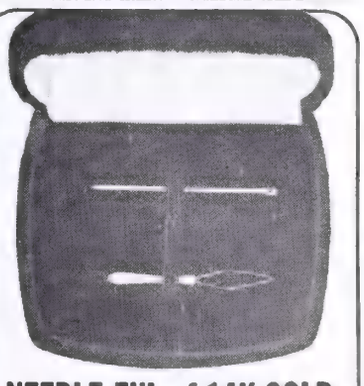
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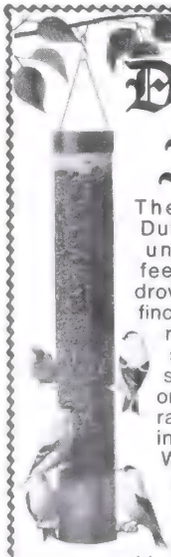
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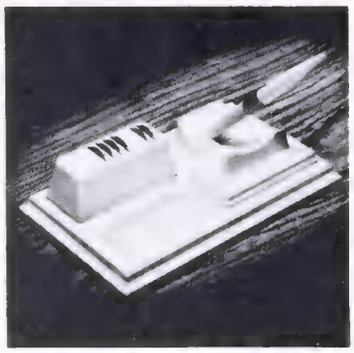
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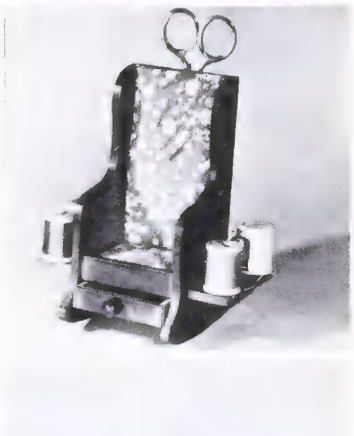
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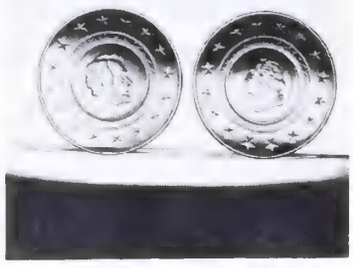
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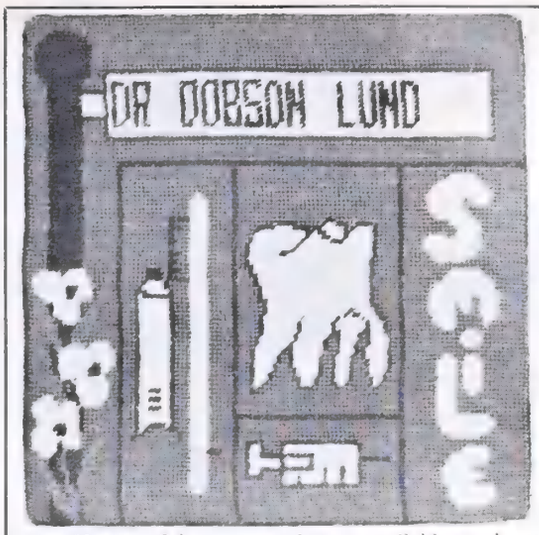


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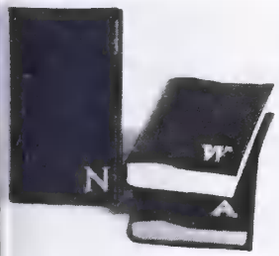
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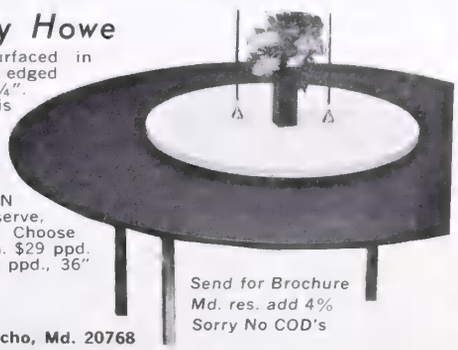
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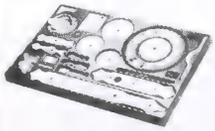
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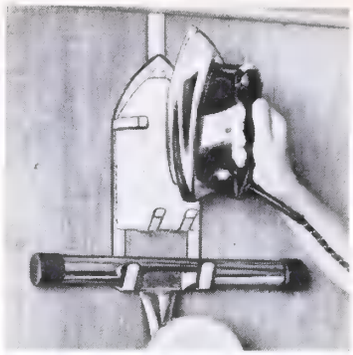
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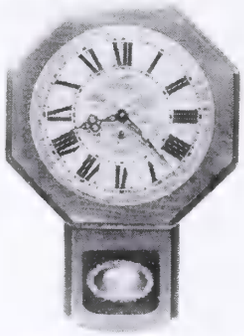


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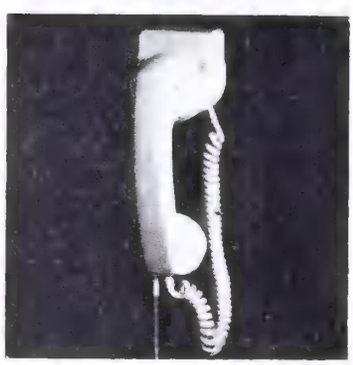
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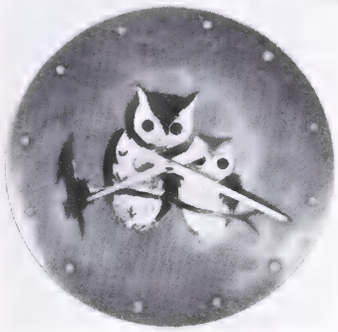
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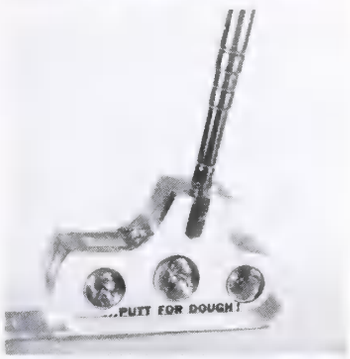
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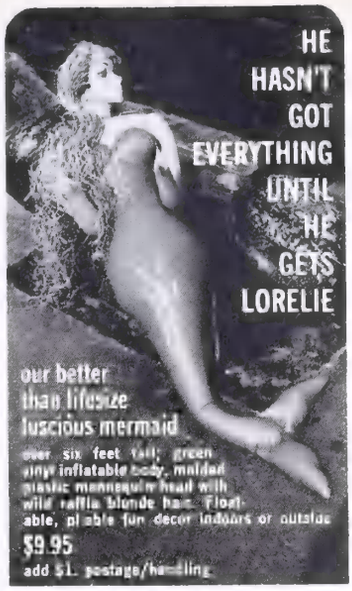


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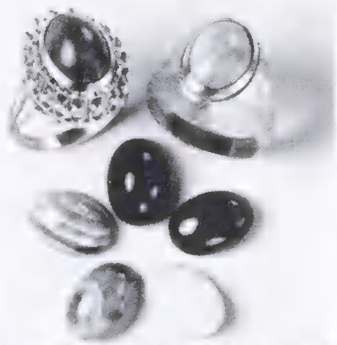


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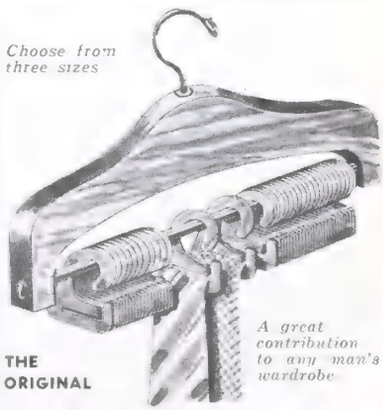


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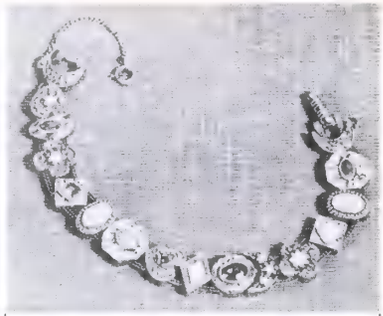


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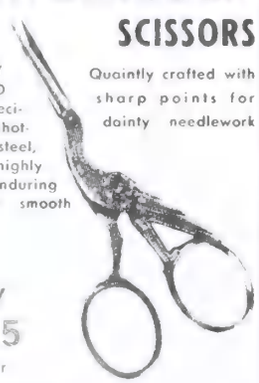


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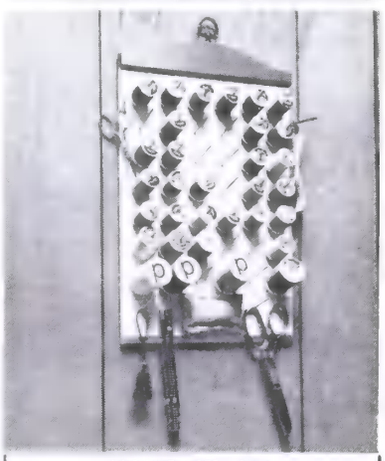
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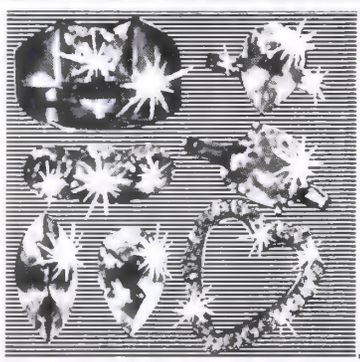
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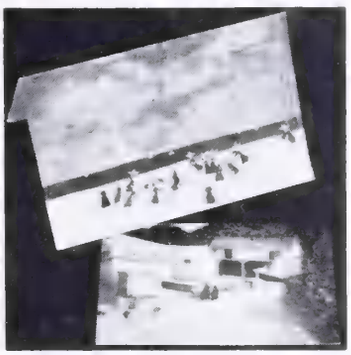
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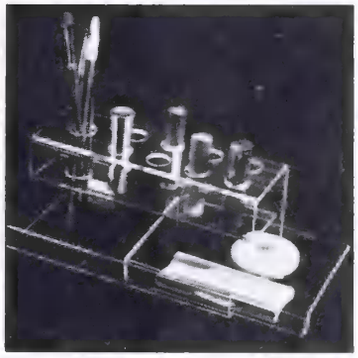
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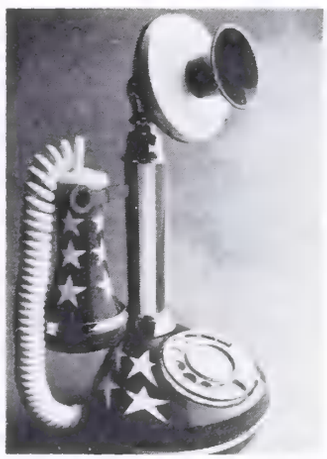
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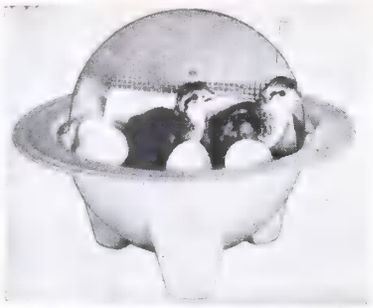
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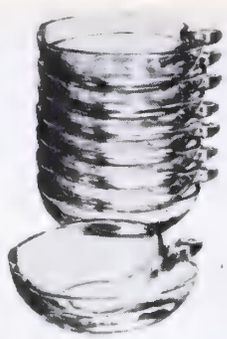


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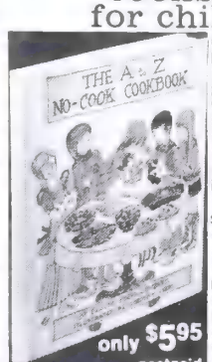
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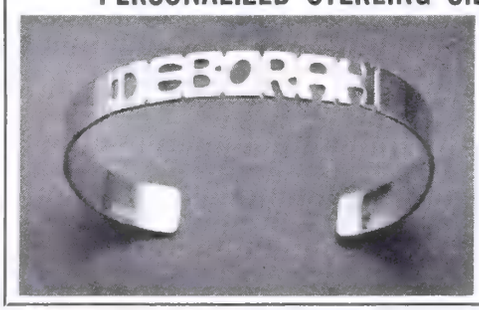
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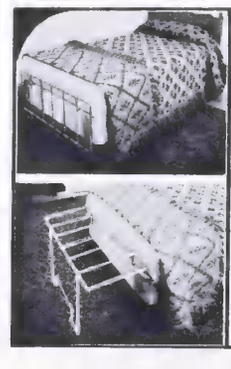
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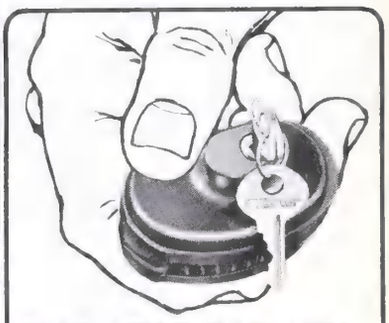
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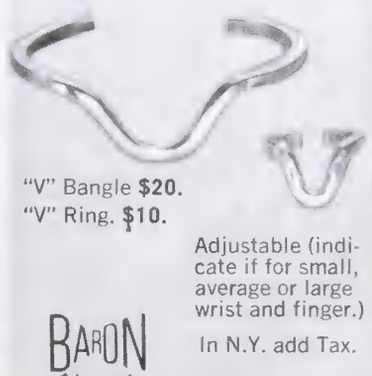
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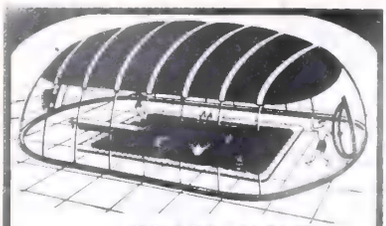
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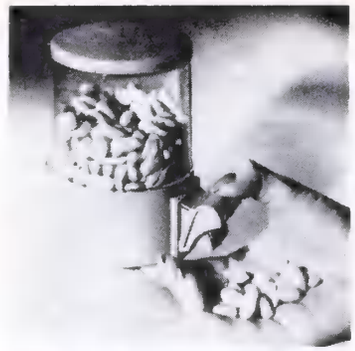
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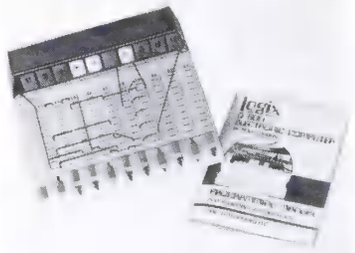
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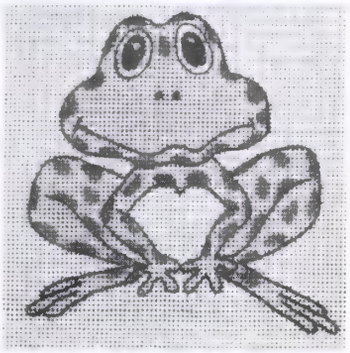
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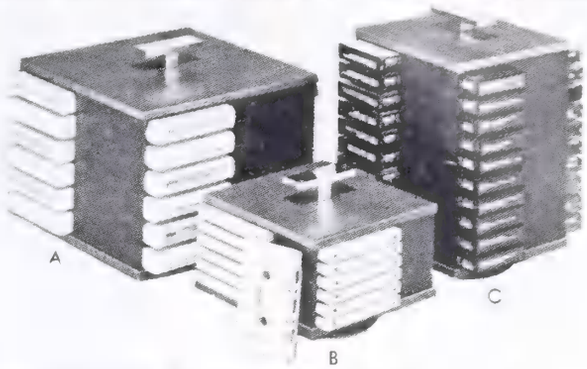


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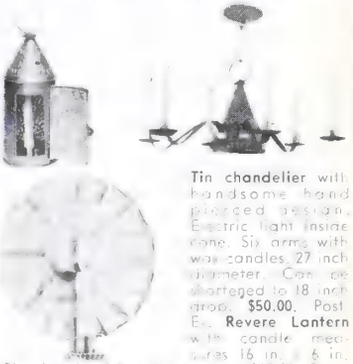


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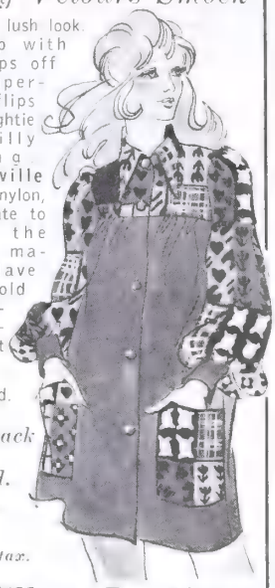


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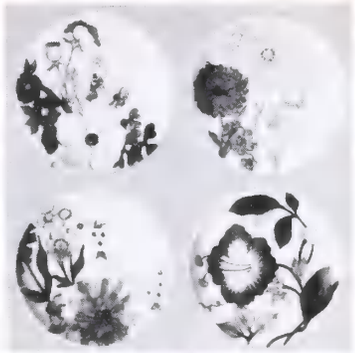
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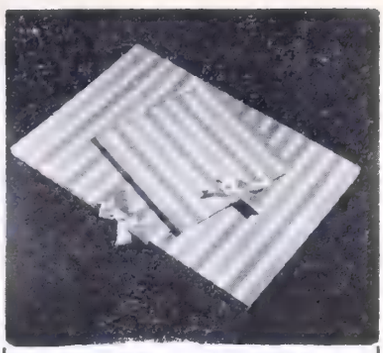


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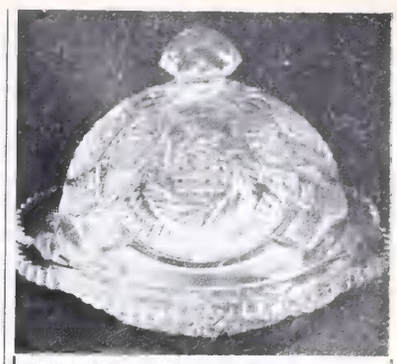


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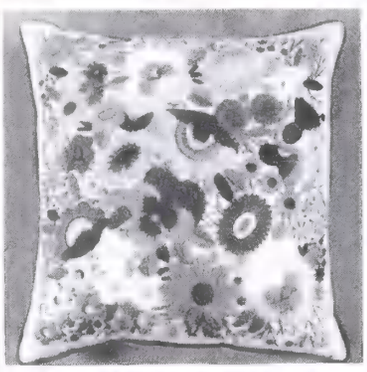


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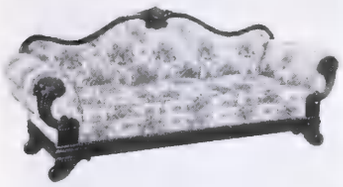
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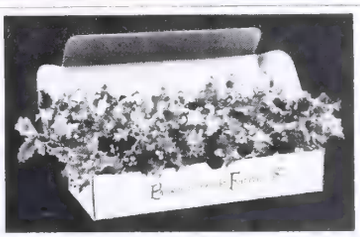


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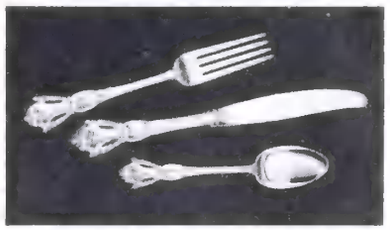
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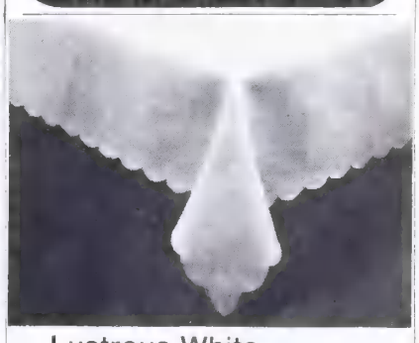


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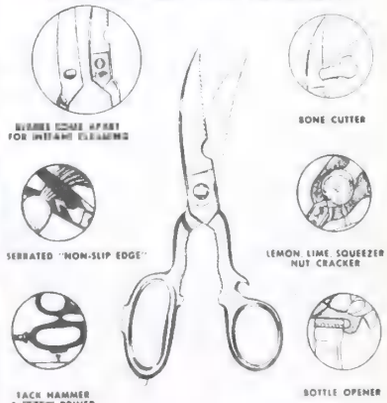
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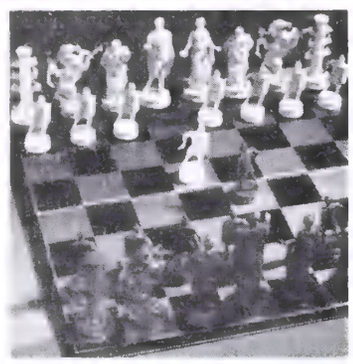
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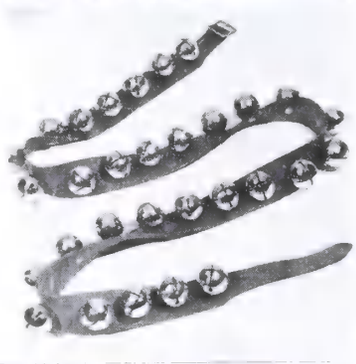
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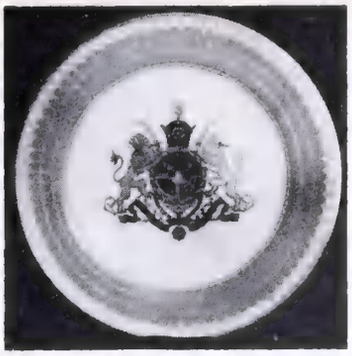
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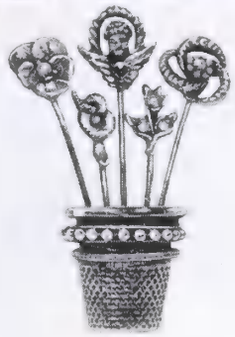
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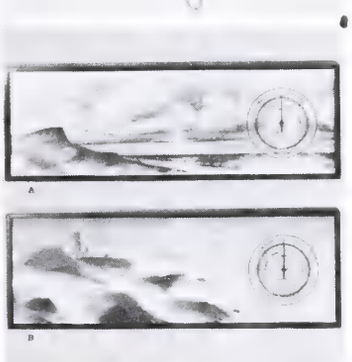
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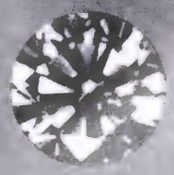
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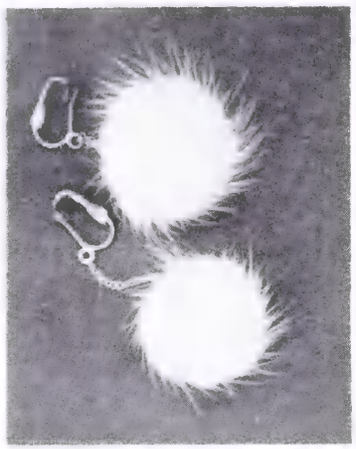


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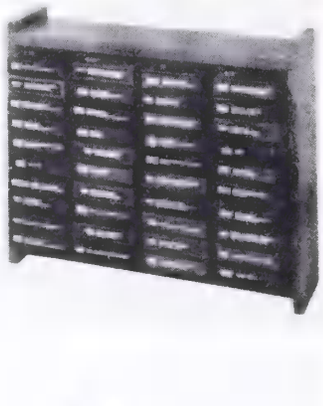


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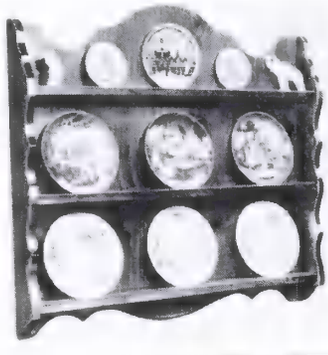


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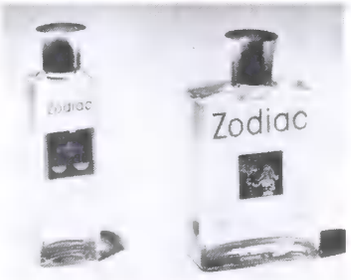
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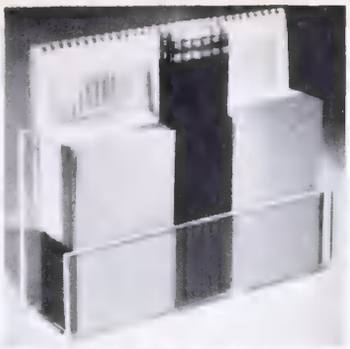
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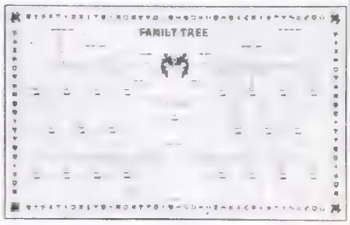
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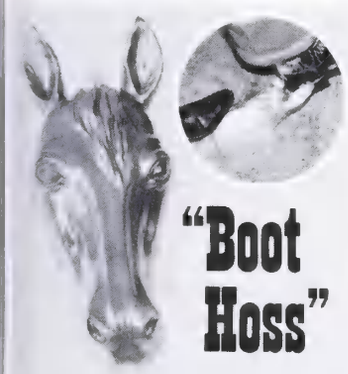
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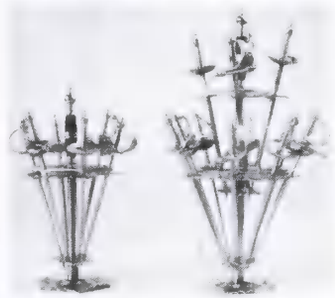


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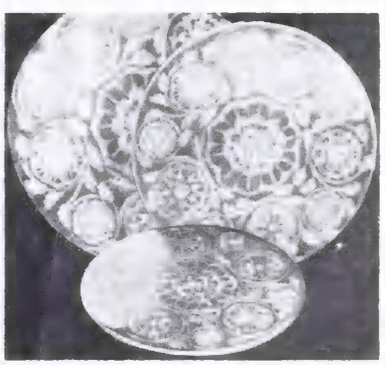


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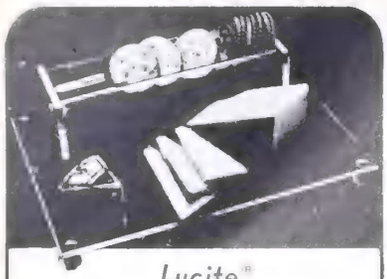
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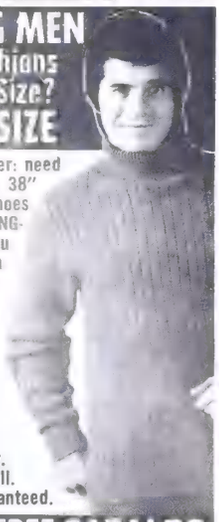


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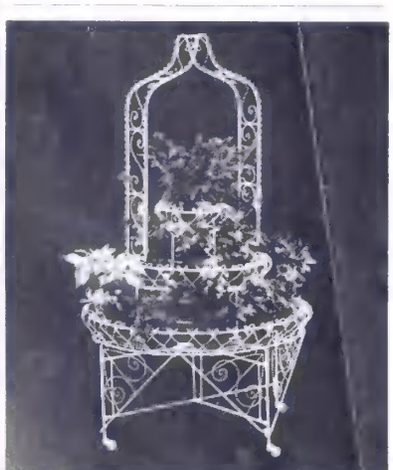
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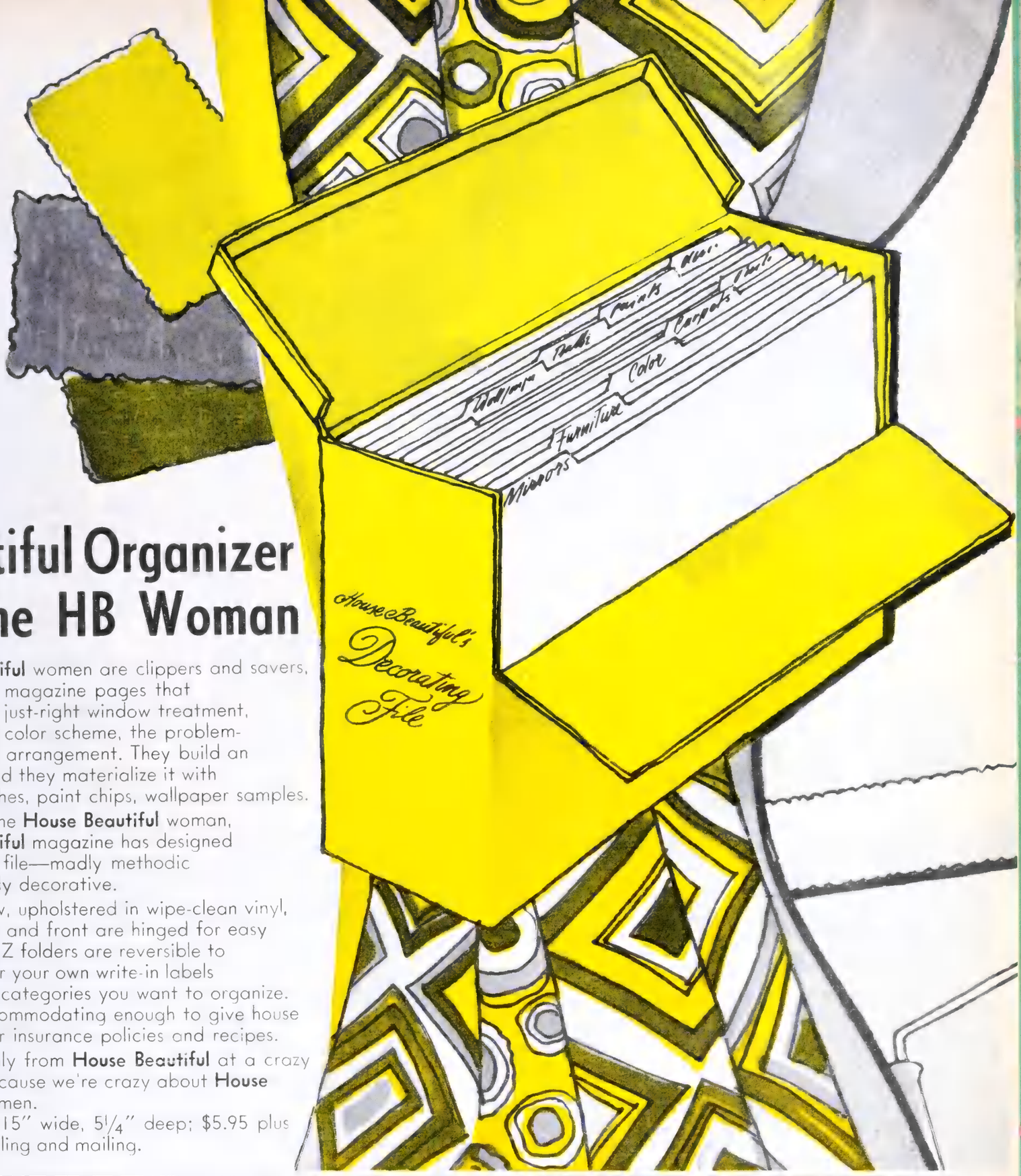
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What should go into your family room? Only what you want for the way that room will be used. The first choice, by far, in our survey was a fireplace—followed, in order, by a TV set, music equipment, book shelves, storage for games and hobby materials, a wet bar or service sink, desk, counter for small appliances, a game table.

Lack of storage was a common complaint. Bedrooms and entry halls have closets, kitchens have cabinets—but the family room too often has only what the owner adds after he's in the house. "And storage," writes another Mississippian, "is still and always will be the number one requisite of all rooms." If that's your problem, look for trunks, commodes, stacking cubes and other hideaway furniture that doubles as tables or servers. Build in shelves, closets and cabinets—narrow shelves frequently can be fitted between the studs to hold paperbacks, racks of slides or tape cassettes or small collectibles. If you absolutely can't build in, build out, with wall-hung or freestanding shelves or étagères, secretaries and bookcases that have a sense of style and storage and a sense of architectural definition.

Durability and easy maintenance headed most women's lists in furnishings, but Mrs. Don Havener of Manuta, Ohio, refused to choose between these and attractiveness, instead queried: "These days, can't both be found at once?" Indeed they can—see pages 114 and 115. Other preferences? An overwhelming 72.3% would prefer wood paneling (although many also indicated they really like a mix of paneling with other wallcoverings). 51.2% would like wall-to-wall carpeting (often noting as their reasons noise control and the fact that children spend so much time on the floor) and 55% would use traverse draperies for a room they usually see in a traditional (26%) or Early American (27%) mood.

Where the family room is located often has great influence on the way it will be used and decorated. Here, survey results are somewhat hard to pin down because many readers have two or more of the at-home spaces listed, but 43% have a family recreation room, 29.7% a den, 26.6% a family room/kitchen and 21.9% a study/library/home office. And whatever they have now, 70.1% would most enjoy having a separate family room to a kitchen combination.

If you hate the very thought of your family room's being next to the kitchen, close it off, with freestanding shelves, screens, dividers, mural-painted canvas or a permanent wall. Look to these items, too—and to different paint, paper, paneling or floorcoverings—to set apart different areas within a room.

For a mother of teen-agers, "Our basement recreation room has been the answer to making our house work for our family's activities. The children can entertain their groups there away from adults, yet we are close enough—in a bedroom converted into a den—to supervise when needed." To a mother of a two-year-old, though, "Those steps are a nuisance. And I hate the little windows." For one, the traditional placement works; for the other, it doesn't. But what would happen if the younger woman found other play space for her two-year-old and formalized the basement for entertaining? Little windows don't really matter in a room decorated primarily for nighttime functions.

And how should it look? This is the place to do whatever strikes your fancy. You might hesitate to turn your dining room into a rajah's tent (you shouldn't, but we know you might) or to do away with everything in the living room except floor pillows. So do so in the family room—if that's what you'd like. In fact, the only way a family room should not look is like a rummage-shop collection of remnants from outgrown rooms or outgrown houses.

If you are moving to a new home or planning a major redecorating of your present home and if the family room really is the place your family spends most of its time, then put that room first. Think of slipcovering and refinishing the living room furniture *for the living room* and buying new for your leisure-living space. If this suggestion gags, then put off the new living room furniture a little longer so you do have a family room budget for good slipcovers, table skirts, refinishing, repainting and adding the right accessories to make all your older pieces seem new again. After all, this is your at-home space. Make it a showcase for the way you really want to live, especially if you—like 75% of the readers in our survey—entertain friends there. ■

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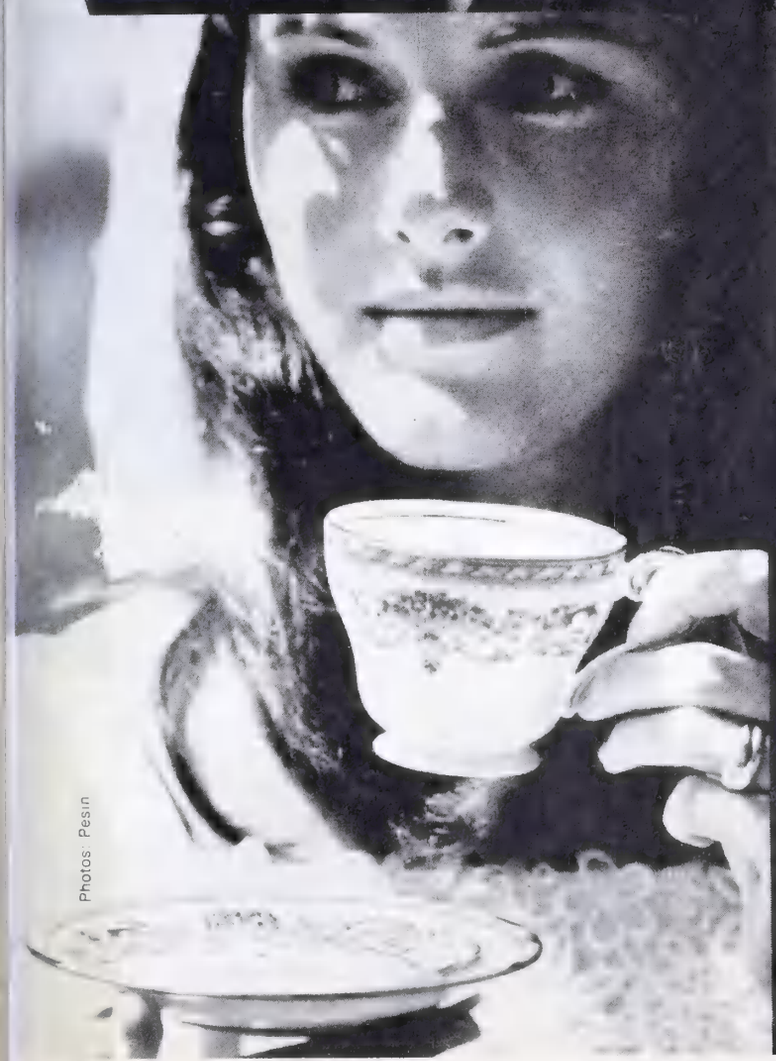
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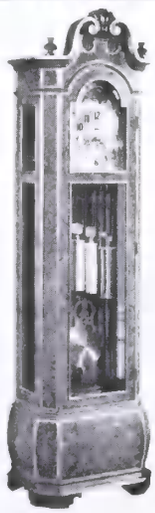


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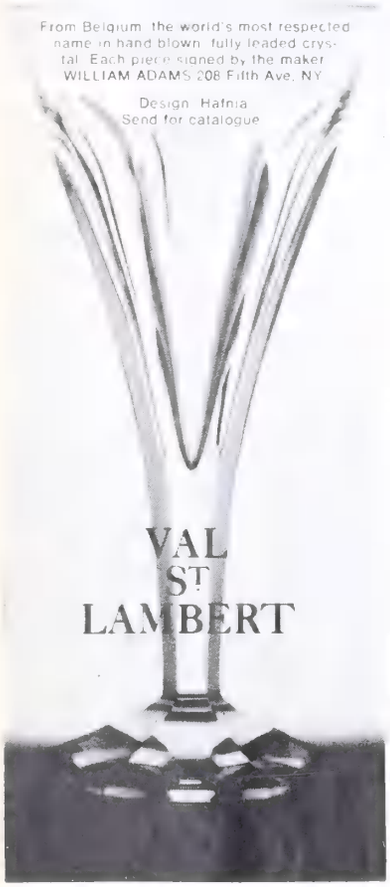
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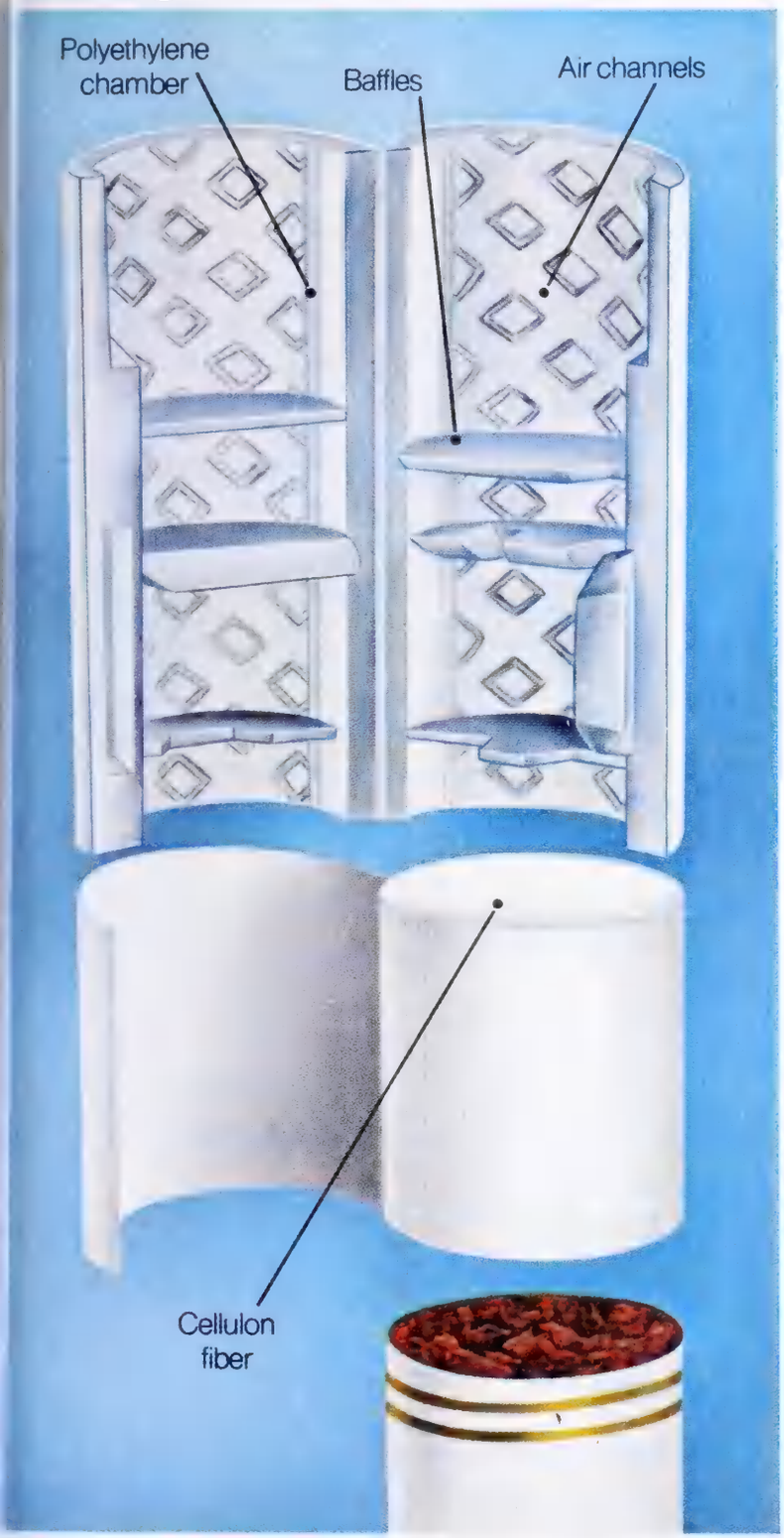
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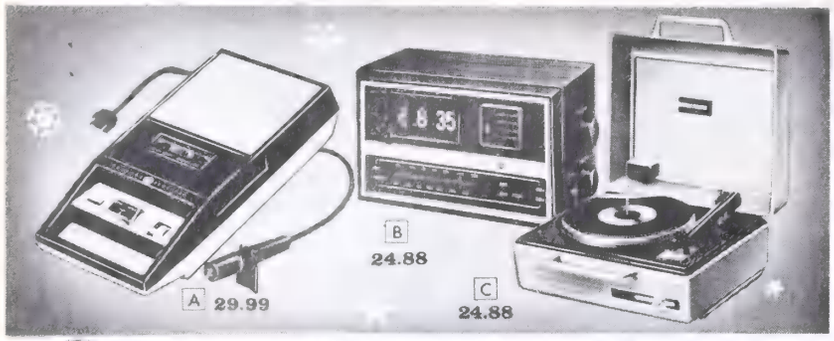
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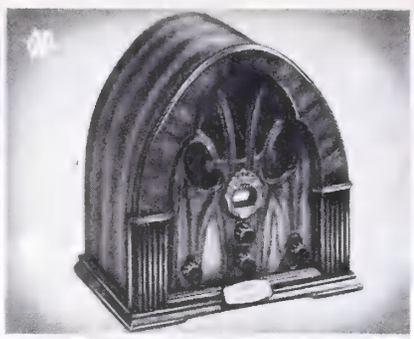


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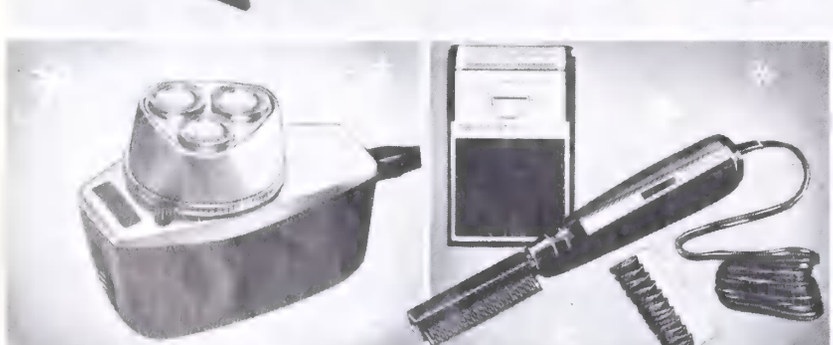
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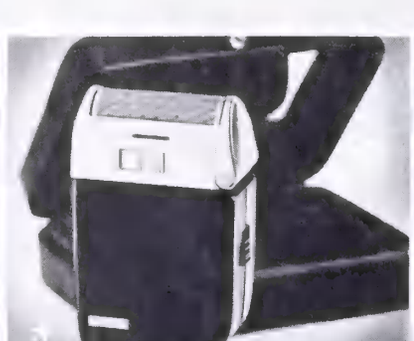


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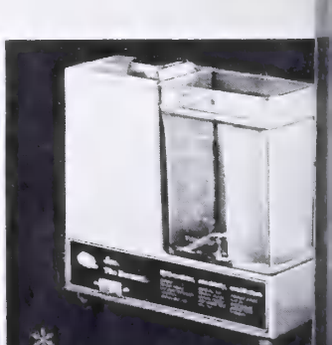
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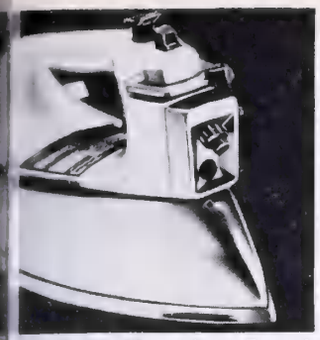
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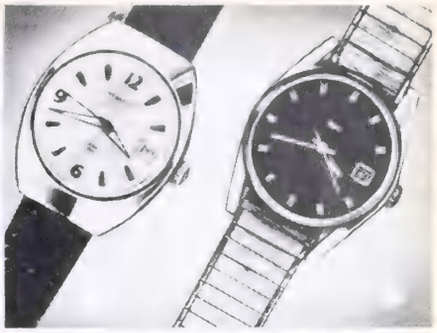
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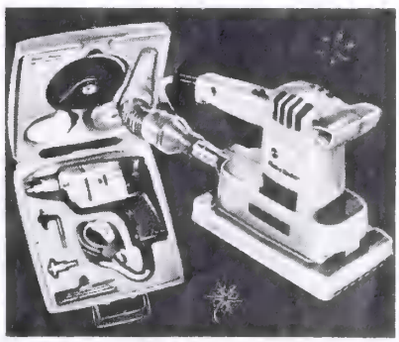
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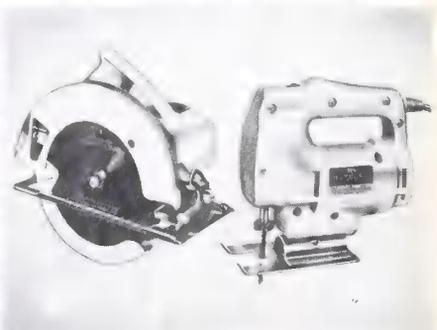
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Have we accidentally tuned into a ham radio conversation from Mars? No. Alexis de Toqueville was talking about America—over a century ago. Is such community spirit still alive? Does it accomplish good things now, in 1972? What about your own town? Does your neighborhood shine or is it in spirit a bit grimy? "In order to have a viable community, not to mention a community spirit," offers Environmentalist William Houseman, "you've got to have a core of local people with local commitments." What about you? Would you help if you knew that a committee-of-one or a family-of-one could accomplish something truly beneficial?

Begin by thinking how closely we're really bound to one another, suggests Senator Edmund Muskie. "If all the genes from the world's three and a half-billion people were baked together, they would form a small ball with a diameter of about one millimeter. The contents of this ball —that's really what holds us together as a species. We can decry the destruction of our country. We can demand change, but any woman who wants to change things must survey, pinpoint, document, threaten, cajole, publish, petition, telephone, write and vote. She must be hard-headed, stubborn and charming in discussing her goals with neighbors, educational institutions, industrial managers, city councils, mayors, governors and congressmen—yes, even senators."

A tall order? Yes. But begin by not being overwhelmed, advises Mrs. Sharon Percy Rockefeller, who helped enormously in getting Mountain Artisans, an Appalachian quilting co-op, on the map. "If we had begun by thinking, 'West Virginia's employment problem is horrendous'—we never would have tackled the project. We began with the first step, organizing the quilt designs and sewing to be done. We started with bits of cloth, native talent, lots of energy. Initially we worked in a garage—now we find ourselves employers of 200 women in seven counties.

"Emmons, a small coal-mining camp outside of Charleston, got its first kindergarten because the people, most of whom were on welfare, decided they needed one. They found an abandoned schoolhouse, bought it from the Board of Education, took it down board by board and carried it back to Emmons and rebuilt it. It was ugly and it wasn't very warm all the time, but those people had a kindergarten. We happen to be lucky in West Virginia because that basic, determined, rugged spirit is here, that believing that you can make a difference. In this part of the country, we call it producing on hope."

"Producing on hope"—we find this is a continuing happening in Big Springs, Neb., (population 475), too. But there the dream was culture, not quilts. It all began, resident Glen Kepler recalls, "because we'd built a new Memorial Hall and were looking around for something to hold there besides dances. Sydney, Neb., 10 times our size, had orchestras and singers from all over. Why couldn't Big Springs?" Indeed, why not? Kepler and friends asked a New York City civic concert service to come out so they could sign up some artists. When the emissary got off the train in Big Springs, he took one look, (*Continued*)

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CHRISTMAS: WHICH TREE?

The Christmas tree had its start somewhere in Germany, so the legend goes, and it may have been Martin Luther who brought the tradition about.

It seems that Luther, walking alone in the late evening, was struck by the beauty of a tall fir thrust like a turret into the night, all around and above it blinking the scintillating lights of the stars. He straightaway cut down a tree and put it in his house, and for decoration made stars of little candles.

I rather like that. But it is much more probable that the candles were borrowed from the Jewish Feast of Lights. Hanukkah was reputedly being celebrated at the time of Jesus' birth.

At any rate, as Christmas trees became a thriving tradition, other decorations were added: cookies, candy, fruit, tinsel and, today, twinkling electric lights and shiny glass balls. In 1841, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, set a Christmas tree up in Windsor Castle and, thus, England became addicted to the practice. And it was the homesick Hessian soldiers who, during the Revolutionary War, introduced the Christmas tree to this country. The idea spread rapidly.

Christmas trees are lovely, incensing a house with the odor of pine, coloring it green with hope, shimmering with peace and jollity. And loveliest of all, a tree makes a bower—a cathedral—for the little crèche nestling beneath its low-hanging, sweet-smelling, protective boughs.

But are Christmas trees ecological? According to the American Forest Institute, yes. The average age of a stand in northern Minnesota, they say, would be 67 years. So, to make sure the commercial forests will always be there, no more than 1/67 of the total is harvested each year. And that's in "scattered patches and pockets." These patches are clear-cut, with power saws. But this is done because the young pines don't grow well in the shade of old trees and heavy underbrush. "If we don't clear-cut," foresters say, "nature will. With a wildfire. That's nature's way of continuing the species."

There are five favorite species for household use: the balsam fir, the Douglas fir, the eastern red-cedar, the Scotch pine and both the eastern and western white pines:

Balsam fir needles grow on tiny twigs at right angles to their branches, like crosses, and for that reason this species is especially popular for Christmas. (*Continued on page 16*)

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muttered a few phrases like "Impossible, what a wild idea, you're much too small," and hopped back on the train.

But a young man from the same service happened by a month or so later and he thought maybe they *could* swing it. Inspired, they began hustling memberships (five concerts for $6), pounding on ranch and farmhouse doors as far as 75 miles away. They signed up 900 members the first year and have had a steady stream of cultural visitors to their town's Memorial Hall every season since then.

The dreams of a child—there is something we should concentrate volunteer efforts on, feels Mrs. Richard Nixon. "Somehow I always think of a child," she says. "He is our future citizen and anything we can do for him now will improve his chances to lead a more constructive, happier life. For instance, you don't need special skills to help with tutoring in schools. Often just knowing how to read is enough. My daughter Tricia had no training in education, although she is a college graduate. Yet she has tutored several children quite successfully. They wouldn't miss it. One boy, for example, can't read very well but then Tricia took him a little music box—and he sure could take that apart in a hurry. So he showed her how the inside of a music box works and she helped him with his lessons. It's an exchange, a human involvement, and you just can't buy that."

Can this creative child-adult exchange be parlayed into something tangible a whole community can rejoice in? A resounding yes comes from Chinatown in San Francisco, where an intriguing playground first thought out in miniature by local nine-year-olds is shaping up spectacularly. This creativity grew out of a crisis—as it so often does. Developers wanted to build a nine-story underground garage on the site of an existing playground. Recompense? A play area three floors above street level. Not a fair deal, decided local parents, who fast formed an "Ad Hoc Committee Against the Garage." The playground was just swings and slides, circa 1926, but all the crowded neighborhood had. Five thousand petition signatures later, the "Ad Hoc" group got the garage people to go away. Then they began looking for ways to improve their saved playground. Enter an anonymous donor who pledged $20,000—seed money for a matching federal Urban Impacted Area Grant. Enter next the landscape architects from the firm of Eckbo, Dean, Austin and Williams, who volunteered their expertise to the tiny (staff of three) Chinatown Community Design Center. The vital design link in the project—the children of the community.

So the Chinese youngsters could see and try out equipment options for their about-to-be-updated play space, they were taken on field trips to more adventurous San Francisco playgrounds and shown films of other interesting ones. Then the "designers," primarily a dozen nine-year-olds ("young enough to feel free," suggests Janis Birkeland of the Design Center), set to work. Experimenting with papier-mâché, clay, little cork tiles and pipe cleaners, they shaped and reshaped fascinating model playscapes—tunnels, caves, an elevated teacup-shaped sandbox, interesting climbing apparatus—with lots of multiuse spaces that seemed to be carryovers from the dense living conditions in Chinatown. Guided by these images, Garrett Eckbo's firm began the big design. Essentially, it's composed of stepped telephone poles linked to form many varied, semiprivate areas where small groups can gather for talks and games, plus a fireman's pole, a polyhedron maze, radial swings and a swinging catwalk leading to a treehouse. By this month, it should all be ready—a Christmas present beyond price for all of Chinatown.

A different kind of present was given to residents of a Brooklyn, N.Y., neighborhood. Mrs. Hattie Carthan of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area was alerted at 7:30 one morning three years ago when someone telephoned her home to tell her that "her" tree was being threatened. A southern magnolia, 40 feet high, 88 years old, it wasn't really Mrs. Carthan's—the tree was seven blocks away—she had just kind of "adopted" it. The threat was that a newly announced urban renewal project would tear down brownstones next to the tree. This would, in effect, kill the magnolia, for the only reason it thrived (and it may be the only one of its kind north of Baltimore) was that the cellar of one house warmed its roots; another shielded it from wind.

Mrs. Carthan soon found as far as the urban developer was concerned, money talked. For $20,000, he would raise a protective wall around the magnolia. (*Continued*)

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She then decided that the neighborhood could raise perhaps $5,000. (This 71-year-old grandmother had, after all, previously gotten a block association started, going door to door. Single-handedly, she'd sparked a block party, taking proceeds from it to buy and plant four sycamores on her street. Actually, she had spearheaded the founding of the tree-matching program the New York City Department of Parks now has—planting six free trees for every four trees a block purchases.)

So, undaunted, Mrs. Carthan got an artist to print beautiful raffle tickets shaped like magnolia leaves. Neighborhood residents sold more than $4,000 worth and donations didn't stop there. The Rheingold Corp. gave $2,000 and the Mobil Corp., $500. The New York Horticultural Society promised future funds—and the city was talked into declaring the tree its first "living" landmark. The tree still isn't safe. The developer ran into funding problems and now the houses may be torn down for a parking lot. The community's current dream? To buy a nearby warehouse with the save-the-magnolia funds, swap that to the city for parking lot-space and turn the brownstones into an Earth Center for Nature Studies for all neighborhood children. Meanwhile, through an $11,000 grant from the New York State Council of the Arts, Mrs. Carthan has helped get a Tree Corps going. Youngsters are studying nature firsthand, learning all about mulch, growing ivy in plastic bags on their window sills. She explains, "We're training children to know and love *all* trees. When I moved here in 1953, this was one of the better blocks but it was becoming a slum fast. Lots of vandalism, even of trees, due to ignorance." Why has she stayed? "Your community—you owe something to it. I didn't care to run."

Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson would like Mrs. Carthan. The former First Lady is also very buoyant about what she calls "re-energized" small towns. "Places like Montevideo, Minn., for instance. A town of 6,000, it faced the same old story: Payrolls and entertainment were luring young folks to the city. But an energetic mayor inspired the town to paint, clean and plant Main Street. The new downtown atmosphere attracts customers from a three-county farm area. The idea is working. When I asked a teen-age girl if she wanted to stay in the little town, she quickly said, 'Sure, Monty's gonna be cool!' And I am beginning to see many evidences of this kind of new zest as I travel. What is happening in Montevideo is beginning to happen in other places. Make your own place on the map secure. For the environment, after all, is where we all meet; it is the one thing that all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become."

Getting people to focus. to look, this is essentially what F. Eugene Smith got the people of Medina, Ohio (population 8,235), to do. A kind of one-man anti-ugliness corporation, Smith has, in the past five years, shown more than 350 civic groups across America his slide shows of environmental eyesores—small and big—including eyesores they probably pass by every day. "I don't usually give my show for architects and others who already agree with me," explains this industrial designer. "My audiences are the Rotary, the P.T.A.—people who have never really seen the visual pollution all around them, whether their particular local pollution be excessive numbers of signs, blacktopping or whatever."

People in Medina, of course, knew that they had a town square. But not until they began to focus on Smith's pictures of it did they truly get honest with themselves about how dirty the gold lettering on the signs looked, how tasteless some of their "modernistic" storefronts were. Fired up, the citizenry formed a Community Design Committee, uncovered old sketches showing the fine Victorian detailing some of these buildings originally had and convinced their owners that this was architecture they should proudly show off. And so the uncovering began—each proprietor paying his share. Removing a windowless façade and arch-browed concrete canopy, Ziegler's Department Store found that it had a handsomely windowed establishment, born with brows that were High Victorian Italianate and very e'egant. Tearing down a ho-hum sign, Longacre & Son found behind it a splendidly intact marker spelling out the firm's name in Tiffany glass. Both exteriors were restored. So were other shops, the bank and firehouse. The look of street signs, lighting—all is being reconsidered. Old houses have been inventoried with an eye to preserving them. *(Continued)*



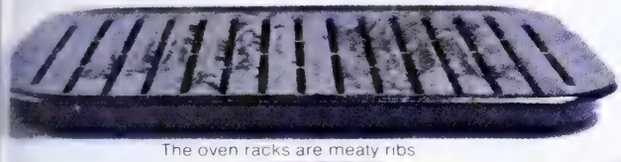
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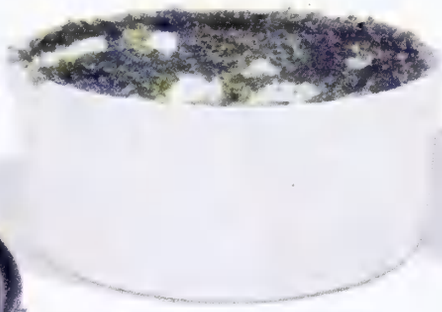
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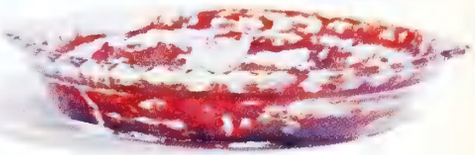
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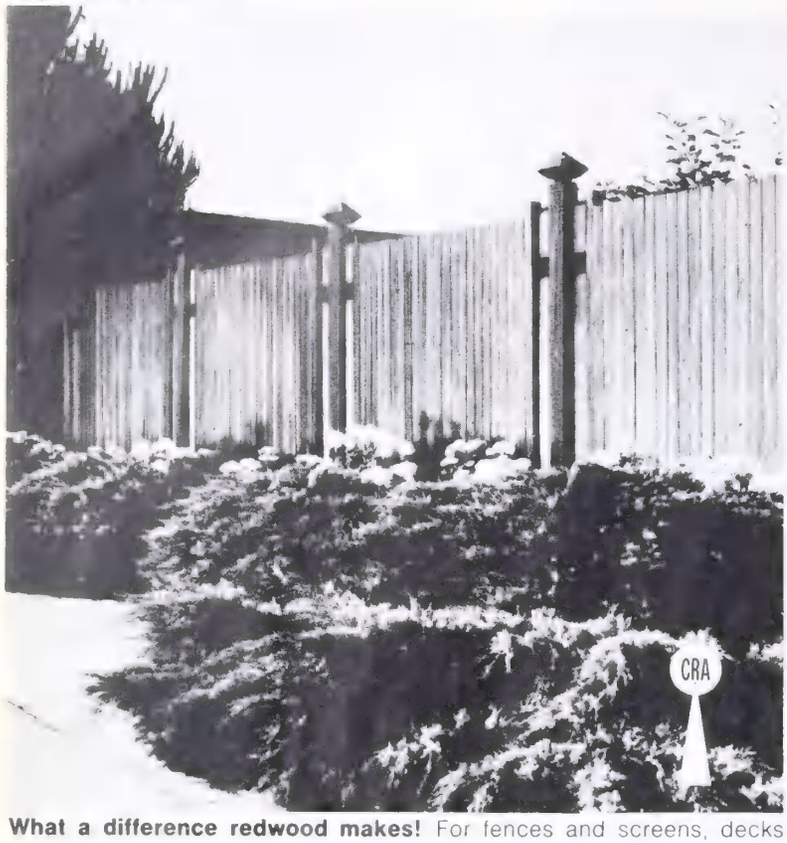


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—MELISSA SUTPHEN

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There's a waxy pitch on the buds and the cones, growing upright, are purple and resinous. The texture of the bark is thin and the color gray or brown.

Douglas fir needles are short and soft, a dark-green and a blue-green. The bark is dark and reddish-brown.

Eastern red cedar is not mistaken for others. It has extremely short, dark blue-green and scalelike leaves and the twigs are rounded and slender. It has a berrylike fruit, dark blue in color, and the bark is reddish-brown.

Scotch pine has longer needles than others, growing in clusters of two. They are dark-green and are roughly from 1½ inches to 2½ inches in length. With proper pruning, the tree can be made very bushy and it is popular because it holds the needles longer than other kinds. The color of the bark, by the way, is a bright orange-red.

Eastern and western *white pines* are very much alike, with silvery-blue needles, soft to the touch. The eastern tree has very slender, fine needles, just about 2½ to five inches long, in clusters of five. The western white pine has long, yellow-brown cones. Both species have thin bark, grayish-green to dark-green.

Why choose an evergreen at all? Evergreens, erect and stolidly standing during the long winter months, appear to have a hallowed vitality. Especially when contrasted to the wan deciduous trees nearby. Evergreen colors are cool, restful, peaceful. Sprigs of them on doorways, in any corner of the house, are a promise that life returns, that spring is even now reaching out warm spoors of summer. The evergreen transports the heart to a distilled moment's joy at the end of a weary year. But what rules ought you follow in selecting the tree that will be right for you—right to embellish your Christmas season?

Look for a healthy tree. It ought to taper gently from a full bottom with plenty of branches for hanging ornaments. It should be *fresh, clean, robust* (a fresh, natural appearance), well-trimmed, free of barren branches below or a brownish tip at the top and smoothly cut at the butt. All four sides of the tree should look healthy and well-balanced.

Prices for Christmas trees will run from about $1 to $1.50 a foot, according to the Christmas Tree Growers Association. A fine full tree sized for the average living room ought to be around $12. In some temperate areas, growers are beginning to offer living trees, either potted or balled (earth and roots wrapped in burlap). After Christmas, these trees can be planted outside. This new twist is limited to the South, though, since transplanting these trees requires a mild climate (and the trees must be indigenous to the area).

Where do you want to put your tree? If in a corner, it will need at least two shapely sides. If in the middle of the room, then you'll want all four sides displayable, the tree naturally tapered. There, you'll probably also want a taller tree with broad whorls at the base. But don't get a tree you'll have to chop off at both the bottom and the top to fit under the ceiling.

Is your tree fresh? Run your finger down a branch; if only a few needles drop off, the tree should last out the holidays. Or bounce it lightly on the ground to see whether needles fall. Again, if few, it's okay. Will the branches hold ornaments and lights? How strongly does it smell of fresh-cut pine? Is its color really green? If yes to these, it's "right."

Buy your tree a few days before you intend to set it up, storing it outside. Cut the butt diagonally an inch above its first cut —this opens the pores so the tree can drink (*Continued*)



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—MARIE HOULE, S.S.J.

letters

For years I have read and enjoyed your magazine and still at 82 years of age I read it from cover to cover. I have even copied its covers in oil and have one such painting hanging in my dining room.—Mrs. C.C.C., Tulsa.

I took some party ideas from your July issue, pages 58 and 59. Thanks. I've been a subscriber for years and thoroughly enjoy House Beautiful.—Mrs. L.K.McA., Fulton, Mo.

The party ideas in the July issue were clever and really inspired lots of good ideas for entertaining. Thank you for a great issue.—M.P., Woodward, Okla.

I am amazed at the number of people who write to complain that each issue was a disappointment to them—that has to be nonsense. The main idea for subscribing to a magazine on interior decoration should be just that—interior decoration. Each room doesn't have to overwhelm your taste; consider it a success if you can find just one fresh idea you can adopt or improvise on for your home. It might be anything from the color of paint to an unusual soap dish—after all, it's the little inexpensive ideas that make it possible for each of our homes to be fun and different. HB is an outstanding magazine, one that I enjoy "copying" from.—S.C., Lansing, Mich.

For the past 25 years, I have been reading and enjoying your magazine. The only reason I don't have a current subscription is that after you gave up the brown-paper wrapping, my *House Beautiful* always arrived in a far from beautiful condition. Since I treasure each issue, I buy them at the newsstand where they are not dog-eared, torn or suffering from any of the other depredations visited upon them by our mail service. Lately, your letters column seems to be leaning toward indignant pans rather than appreciative pats. It would be a sad, hideously stereotyped world if we all liked the same things. I'm not saying that I like every issue. Sometimes when I pick up the latest issue, I shudder mentally and physically when I first look through it. But no matter how many things I do not like, there is always something I do like—you never fail me. One lady commented that she would like things scaled to an average (presumably lower—like mine) income. She forgets that dreams must be scaled upward. The rooms, houses and contents thereof that you depict are not in an impossible-to-achieve range; they're in the maybe-someday bracket. Even if I can never afford them, someone has been able to and has been kind enough to share them with us. Someone else will have the incentive to come up with something even better, more functional, more useful, more colorful, more beautiful. So, from one reader, thanks for many hours of pleasure.—R.S.B., Albuquerque.

Have just finished reading the article in the August issue about life on a Kings Craft houseboat. I found this article most appealing.—C.G.H.B., Prescott, Ariz.

Each month I hold my breath hoping that my new issue of HB will have some information I can use. It seems that I'll be holding my breath for four years (the length of my subscription). How about some nice Colonial room settings, quiet colors and reasonably priced furniture? Most (*Continued*)

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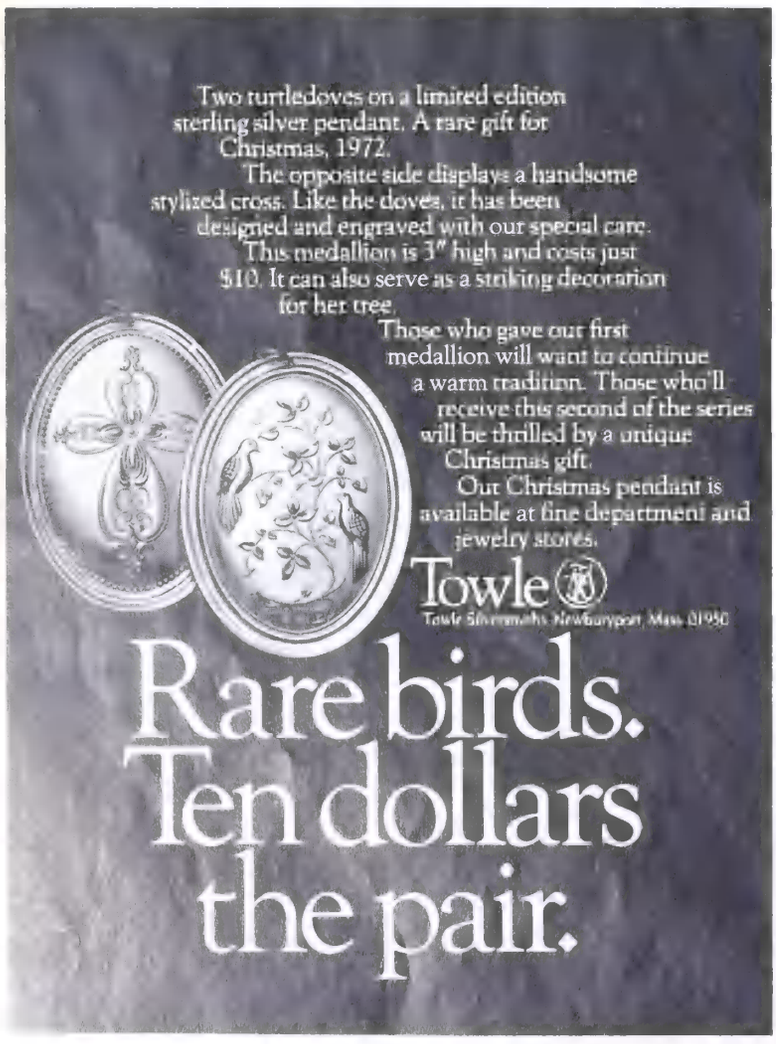


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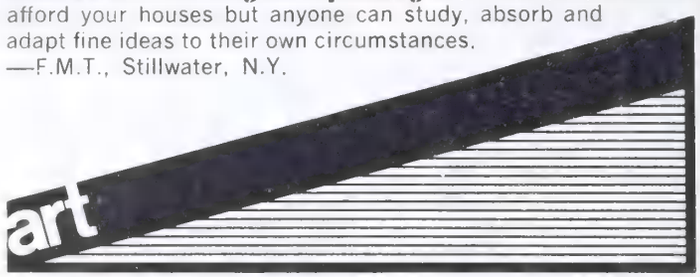
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women have children running around, making that modern stuff impractical as well as ugly. Your color schemes make me dizzy. I, like many others, need guidelines on how to furnish and decorate a home on a budget, how to choose quality furniture that is reasonably priced and how to coordinate colors. Please, let's get away from this crazy decorating that looks as if it came from the 30th century.—B.S., Walled Lake, Mich.

Please don't let your quality slip. Most people cannot afford your houses but anyone can study, absorb and adapt fine ideas to their own circumstances.
—F.M.T., Stillwater, N.Y.



Collector's plates in limited editions have multiplied within the past 12 months as quickly as brush fires in the California hills. The immediate result: These plates are no longer a sure investment, guaranteed to appreciate in value. Yet, we still share the conviction of Reese Palley, a well-known merchant in this field: True art collectors believe the acquisition



Portrait of Thomas Jefferson is one of a pair in Wedgwood's Jasperware. Its mate bears the State Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia. These are the first in a series illustrating the seals of the 13 original states. Presented to commemorate the bicentennial of the United States, the series will be completed in 1976. Limited by annual production, this series of plates is presently issued at $20 for a pair. Price may rise later.

Introduced just before Christmas, this sterling silver plate by the Washington Mint is the first of 12 in their American Indian series. The bronze head of Curley, a Crow who became Custer's scout, is cast from the original by Edward Warren Sawyer. He devoted most of his art career to the American West. Limited to 7,500 plates; each one costs $150.



of something beautiful is never a loss. The true collector asks himself whether he really likes the object. Would he purchase it if there were no established market value?

The lovely irony proven time and again is that those people who purchase for art's sake often hold the most valuable items. Collectors who bought Lalique glass in Art Deco forms long ago, before they returned to popularity, now own pieces worth many times the original cost of their investment.

Where does the collector stand today? What is the outlook for 1973? Unstable values of collector's plates brought about by an oversupply will continue in 1973 says Palley, and he urges the investor to buy with great caution. In November, 1971, House Beautiful listed his suggestions for purchasing limited editions. We asked him to restate his guidelines in the light of the conditions prevalent today.

1. In any market, an oversupply of a commodity not only lowers the price but tends to raise standards of desirability. Collector's plates are no exception. Palley believes that this year artistic quality is of prime importance. A famous, (*Continued*)

preferably living, artist's name may, but won't always, lend beauty as well as value. Some living artists whose names are currently associated with plates are Dali, Picasso, Andrew and Jamie Wyeth and, coming soon, Jacques Lipchitz.

2. A valuable plate must be truly limited. Plates are limited by time, as when the mold is broken after a year's production, or by the number of plates made. The collector, he suggests, should today look for a plate which has an edition size and a number preferably marked on its surface. Ideally, the edition size should be preannounced by the manufacturer.

3. With so many objects on the market, technological input has become more valuable. Whatever the material of the plate, the workmanship should enhance the craft by which it is made.

4. Palley also feels that since the greatest interest in limited-edition plates is in America, and the largest part of the market is here, the object should be made in America.

5. An additional caution: Never make a purchase sight unseen. If you order by mail, reserve and state your right to return it. Examine the plate or object carefully. How is the design applied? Are the edges and back of the piece as carefully finished as its surface? If metal, what is its weight and feel?

6. This brings up a final question: What is the dollar value of the object's content? Obviously, gold would have the highest intrinsic worth. Silver, too, has an inherent market value. If you are an investor who seeks an alternative to real estate, jewels or antiques at a good price, silver plates may be the answer. ***What new introductions*** can the prospective buyer expect to find in the limited-edition plate field this year? Perhaps indeed as a result of the economy and as a hedge against inflation there are many sterling silver plates introduced in 1972 and planned for 1973. Leading manufacturers of these include the Franklin Mint, whose first bird plate and Presidential series plates appeared this year, and the Washington Mint, with no fewer than five introductions.

Many manufacturers of fine table silver have entered the field, among them Gorham and Kirk. The initial investment in creating a sterling plate is high, often several million dollars, due to the cost of making the molds and of the material itself. This may, but doesn't necessarily, insure that high quality will be maintained in designing and limiting silver editions. Initial offering prices range from $100 to $500 for editions of from 500 to 20,000 plates.

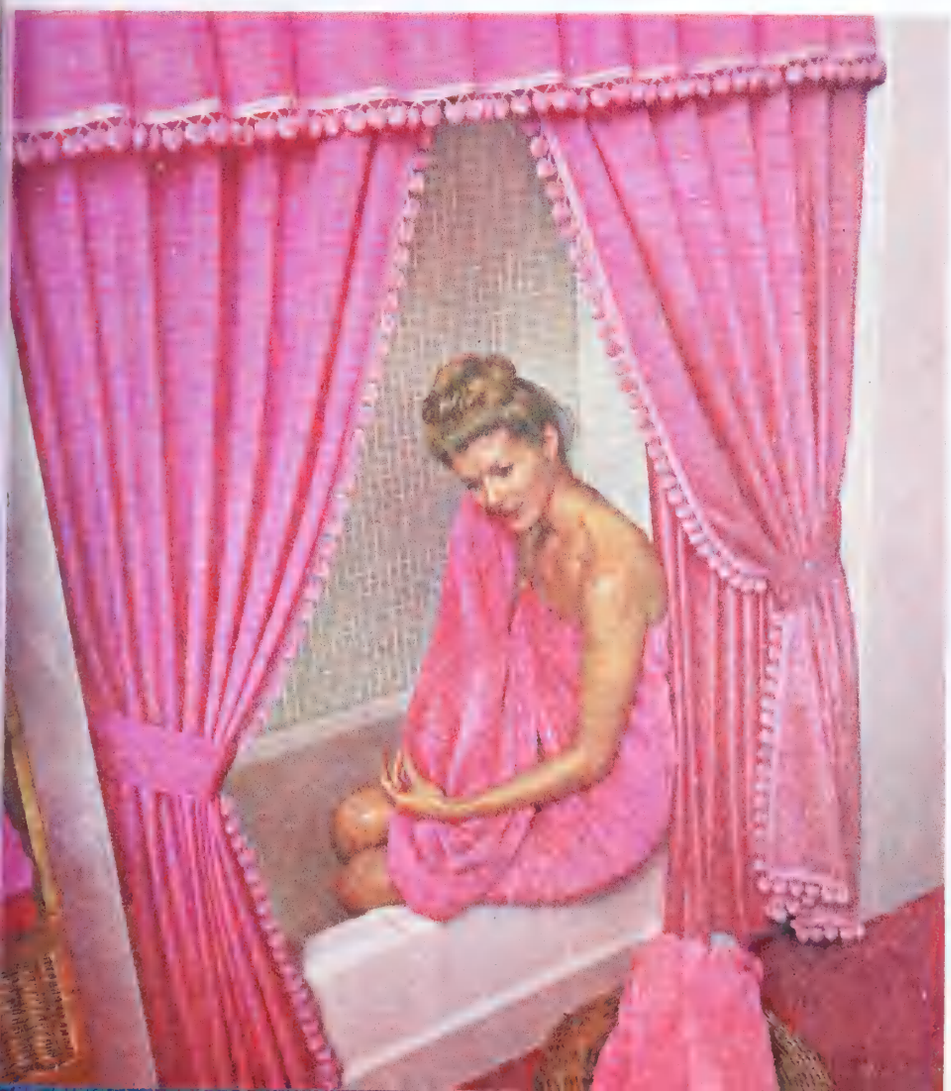
Among the plates introduced this year are many that commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of this country, some with scenes from America's past. Themes of new issues include Royal Copenhagen's 1972 Olympic Year plate and Royal Delft's Ambassador series. A number of introductions have scenes derived from nature, among them the 1972 Lalique shell plate and the 1973 Boehm bird plate by Lenox.

Collector's plates occupy a position somewhere between art and investment and can offer advantages of both. Like stocks or real estate, the plates may appreciate in value (although some in the current market may not, as implied above). Important above all for the true collector is the need to satisfy the eye.

—PHYLLIS BARTLETT

books

Books can be one of the most personal gifts you can give. But before you buy, think about the people you're giving to—their particular likes, hobbies, temperaments. Give them a book on a subject you know they're fascinated by, or, better yet, one on an area you think they might like to pursue. ***Anyone interested in the latest designs*** for the home—furniture, objects, environments—will find this book a stirring visual experience: *Italy: New Domestic Landscape: Achievements and Problems of Italian Design*, edited by Emilio Ambasz, published by The Museum of Modern Art, New York, in collaboration with Centro Di, Florence ($15 hard cover, $9.95 paper). The achievements of the influential Italian designers are beautifully illustrated from the museum's exhibit this year (see House Beautiful, June, 1972). The text *(Continued)*



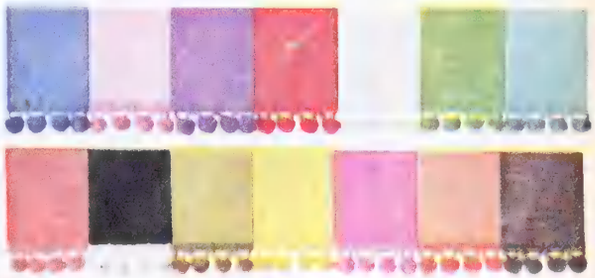
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includes a comprehensive historical survey of contemporary Italian design. Also published by the Museum of Modern Art for a current exhibition is *African Textiles and Decorative Arts* by Roy Sieber (clothbound, $15; paper, $7.95). The text and photographs tell of the uses and customs behind decorative arts from 26 African countries. The exhibition will be at the museum until January 31, when it will travel to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Cleveland.

To help round out an art lover's view of American art, consider *N. C. Wyeth* by Douglas Allen and Douglas Allen, Jr. (Crown, $25 until December 31, 1972; $29.95 thereafter; $150, limited edition), the story of N.C. Wyeth, Andrew's father. The book treats us to the painter's thoughts and feelings and has more than 300 illustrations—over 100 in color—that capture Wyeth's diverse ventures into commercial and fine art, as well as illustration and murals.

For the many people who treasure American antiques, *American Painted Furniture*, 1660-1880 by Dean A. Fales, Jr. (E.P. Dutton & Co., $33.50) is liberally illustrated with top-notch photographs. A good companion piece, *The Antiques Guide to Decorative Arts in America*, 1600-1875 by Elizabeth Stillinger (E.P. Dutton & Co., $10.95) written for *Antiques* magazine, outlines the development of furniture, silver, glass, ceramics in American stylistic periods and shows how they relate to trends in history and art. Illustrations and drawings are shown in black and white.

History lovers will learn much from the houses owned by our first settlers, patriots, writers and leaders, shown in *Great Houses of American History* by Andrew H. Hepburn (Clarkson N. Potter Inc., $25). Good color and black-and-white photographs illustrate the book's concept that "some dwellings are significant facets in the mosaic of history and help tell the story of the settlement and development of a country." Above all, we find it to be a good book to think about and look at.

Know anyone who wants to learn about printmaking? An amateur, with or without a press, can spend many creative hours with *Printmaking* by Harvey Daniels, (Viking, $14.95). This how-to book explains what goes on in printing with simple techniques (printing with found objects, making rubbings) to the more complex lithography, silk-screening, engraving and etching. Many of the examples, in color and black and white, are by famous artists. Mothers who yearn for new projects for their little ones should take heart from *Assemblage: A New Dimension in Creative Teaching in Action* by Victor D'Amico and Arlette Buchman (Museum of Modern Art, $10.95; distributed by The New York Graphic Society Ltd.). The book stresses the creative, imaginative approach and is written for teachers and parents alike. Examples come from famous works for inspiration and children's work, also inspiring. The projects have been tried and taught by Arlette Buchman at the Art Center of the Museum of Modern Art.

While not exactly a "complete" guide as the title suggests, *Hobbies: A Complete Guide to Crafts, Collections, Nature Study and Other Life-Long Pursuits* by Alvin Schwartz (Simon & Schuster, $9.95) is a good starter for someone in search of a hobby. In a number of subjects—ceramics, printing, photography, weaving, collecting, weather forecasting, archaeology—he includes a brief how-to, materials, costs and instruction.

A child smiles in wonderment at the shell's self-contained remembrance of the sea. An adult smiles in appreciation at its unmanipulated natural beauty. Though there is much solid scientific knowledge in R. Tucker Abbott's *Kingdom of the Seashell* (a Rutledge Book), Crown, $14.95), there is yet much wonderment and appreciation. Chapter by easy-reading chapter, he discusses various kinds of shells and the common or exotic sea creatures they contain—everything from their mating habits to our eating habits. He tells us how shells have been used in art, religion and heraldry and even as a form of primitive money, where to look for particular kinds and how the amateur can catch, clean and display them. This entertaining (and scholarly) book, magnificently color-illustrated, is one that you will enjoy picking up time and again. *(Continued)*



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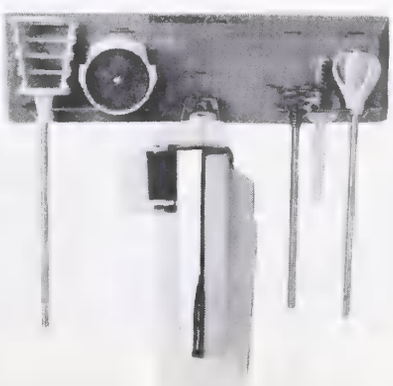
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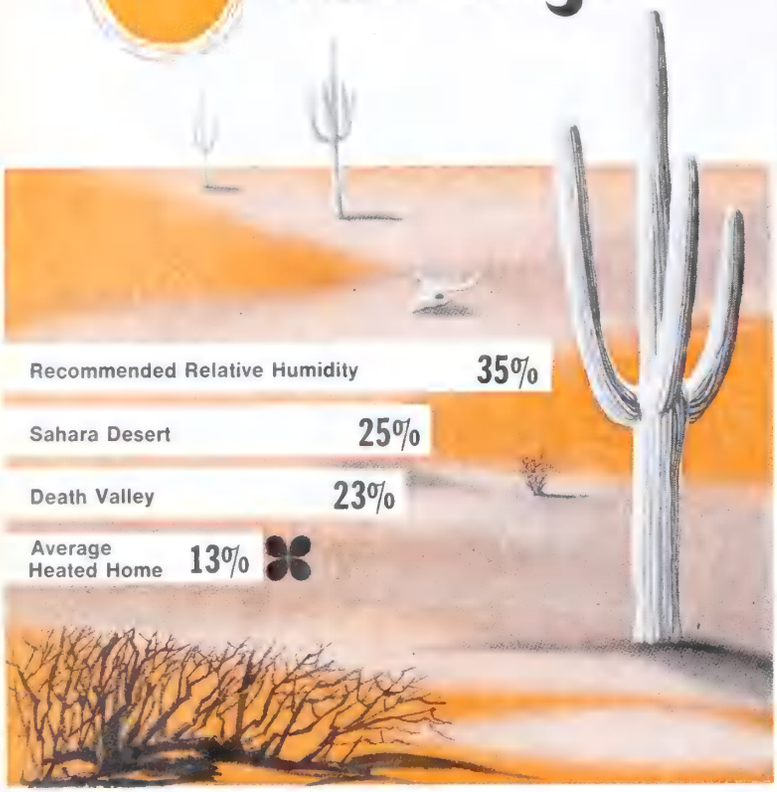


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Now you can combine interests in cooking and American crafts by preparing some of the unusual culinary concoctions contributed by over 100 potters, weavers and so on in *The Craftsman's Cookbook*. Published by the American Crafts Council, New York ($5.95), the recipes were tested by Malabar Brodeur and the book designed and illustrated with line drawings by Emil Antonucci.

"Nearly all the wines of the world, great or small, are associated with rivers or bodies of waters," writes Creighton Churchill. In *The Great Wine Rivers* (Macmillan, $7.95), he takes us all on a voyage along the Moselle, Rhine, Rhône and Loire, stopping often to visit a vineyard, hotel, restaurant or unusual sight. We even journey through Burgundy because "the finest grape land of Burgundy was once lapped and eroded by a prehistoric sea." And that doesn't really sound so far-fetched in this leisurely, loving book, meant for relaxing reading or for planning your own trip to the river vineyards of Europe.

Correction: In October, we reported that *Macramé Fashions and Furnishing* by Charles Barnes and David P. Blake (Hearthside, $8.95) did not have a list of suppliers. It, indeed, does.

—ANNE OGDEN

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Light notes in the grim news: in the New York Zoo, the completely unexpected arrival of Sunny Jim, baby of Lulu Gorilla, and the subsequent discovery that Sunny Jim's a girl, now renamed Patty Cake . . . Wonder how come a tiny flea can jump so high (8 inches) and so far (13 inches)? British and Israeli scientists claim it's all done with resilin, an elastic protein and energy source, triggered by the creature's tricky leg system . . . proportionately, given the same tricky legs and enough resilin, a man could jump 275 feet high and 450 feet far . . . because Aluminum Company of America workers befriended him during his research near the company's West Indian bauxite mines, a biologist who discovered a new species of frog has reciprocated the kindness by naming the frog Eleutheradactylis Alcoae . . . now you can smile every time you lick an eight-cent stamp—there's Norman Rockwell's picture of Tom Sawyer supervising the famous whitewashing of Aunt Polly's fence on the face of the latest commemorative stamp . . . meantime, power to the pluckers in Spring Hill, Fla., where in a flurry of feathers the second annual World's Chicken Pluckin' Championship was held in October, with a Dixieland band, a chicken lunch and the election of Miss Drumstick . . . egg-shape chicken pluckin' plaques went to four ladies from Spring Hill for stripping 12 birds in four minutes 25 seconds. • • ▪ ***Christmas cards, five poignant designs by retarded children, are made by Metropolitan Greetings Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., and sold by the National Association for Retarded Children to fund their educational work and to prove to the world that retarded children have gifts that deserve understanding and development . . . Cards, in boxes of 25, vary from $2 to $5, can be purchased at local N.A.R.C. chapters or mail-ordered from N.A.R.C. Christmas Card Division. Write them at 215 First St., Cambridge, Mass. 02142.***

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—MARION GOUGH

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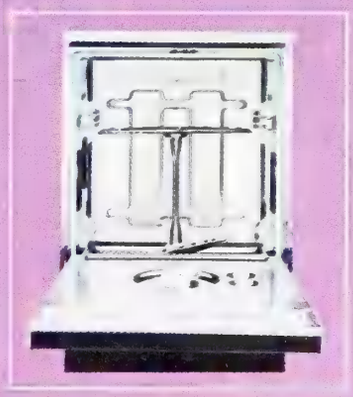
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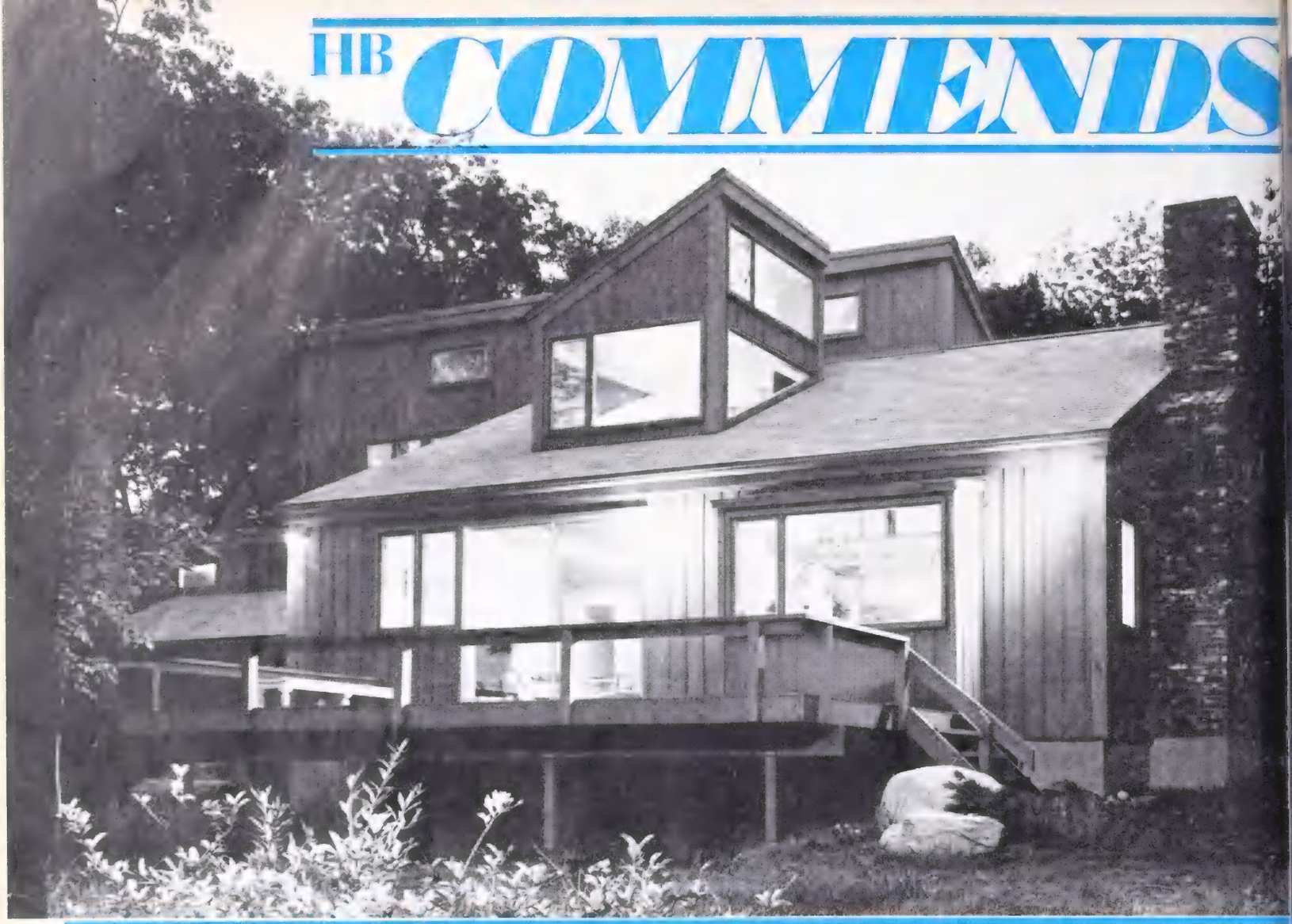
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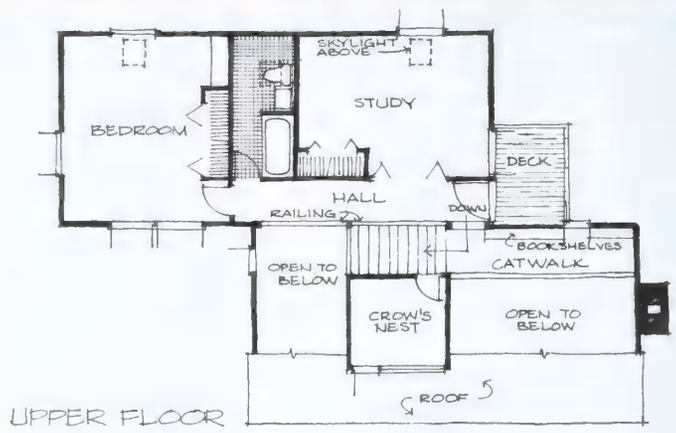


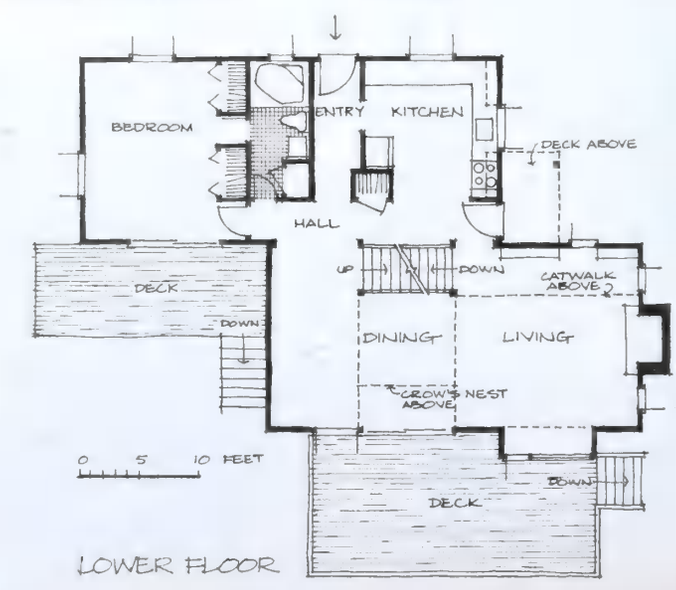
By JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ A cool summer dusk falls on this Maine seacoast home as the evening's activity begins inside. A romantic house for a romantic setting. And a practical lesson here: how to get the well-designed house you want on a remote site you've chosen for vacations and weekends without spending a fortune. As this owner did, you select from a catalog offered by a home manufacturer, make changes in the plan if you wish (as he did) and contract with a builder to put in the foundation and erect the parts.

The Baribeau Agency, Brunswick, Maine, built this house for a price in the high 50s on the owner's lot. The house is an enlargement of the "Crow's Nest," a model produced by Acorn Structures. In its original state, and without the garage added here (but not shown), a finished "Crow's Nest" on your lot will cost between $36,000 and $40,000—delivery restricted to states in the Northeast. That's slightly more than $20 per square foot, a very reasonable price today for what amounts to a custom house in a hard-to-reach location. The same house built without the benefit of standardized, prefabricated parts might easily reach $30 per square foot. Another advantage of building with house parts (instead of finishing a house in the factory) is flexibility. In the original plan, another bedroom takes up the space devoted at right to the kitchen, and the kitchen stretches along the fireplace wall, making a more compact but still very livable house. Changes like this are easily made, as are subtractions if less space is needed. The manufacturer simply adds or subtracts panels to produce the result desired.

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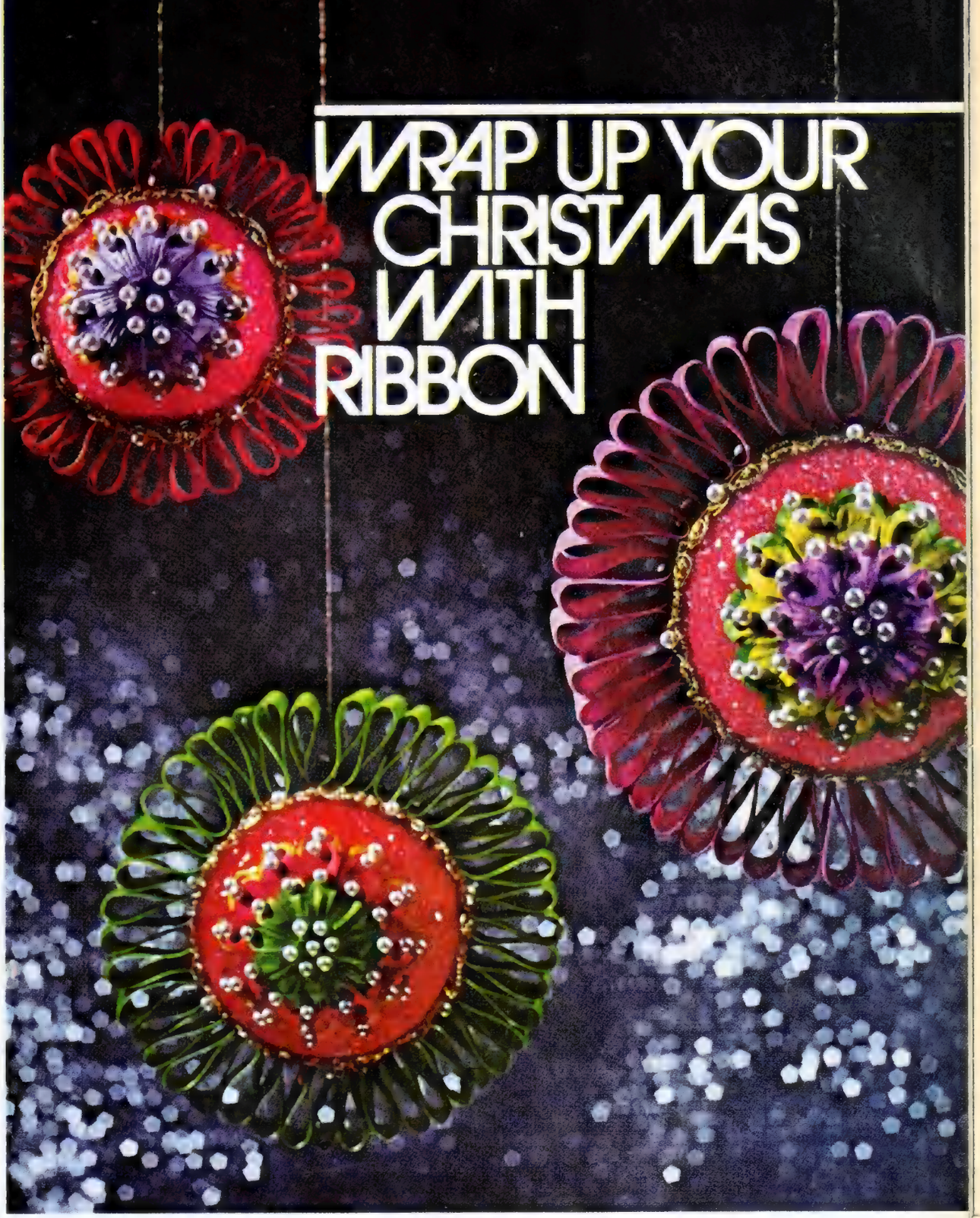
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WRAP UP YOUR CHRISTMAS WITH RIBBON



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Beginning here, 22 pages of ideas to get you started

Christmas is truly a time suspended. A yearly pause by which we turn from selfish pursuits to consider, briefly yet yearningly, the dazzling promise of brotherhood, to light still another candle of peace, a flicker of innocence in a world darkly preoccupied by self-interest. Little wonder we celebrate so exuberantly. A message of joy is best expressed through joyous means. Thus we employ greenery and glitter to observe a day whose tantalizing promise remains frustratingly unfulfilled. So be it. Yet as we garland our homes, let also our spirits flower. Christmas is near—each will keep it in his own way. But that we could keep it throughout the year.

Imagine, if you would, a wondrous spool of ribbon, unfurling in a never-ending length of myriad colors, patterns and widths. Such a fantasy inspired much of this issue, a collection of ideas we hope will help make your holiday a brighter, merrier occasion. Our group of Christmas elves (erstwhile editors and designers) has utilized this imaginary spool to create a multitude of festive delights. Among them are ornaments, trees, wreaths, gifts, all of which use ribbon as a basic or additive element. Some are yours to duplicate, but most are offered in the hope that you, too, will translate our fanciful spool of ribbon into your personal creative expressions.


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Make your tree a personal expression with a flourish of simple-to-create ribbon ornaments

Bows, loops, swirls, streamers—the ariations seem never-ending. Our spool of ribbon unfurls now into 450 dazzling ornaments on a 9½-foot Scotch pine in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Irving Anderson (*right*). They're all designed by Jon Peterson Originals, for you to duplicate from the instructions here, or buy as finished ornaments from the Jacobson's stores in Michigan or the Yankee Travelers Stores in Florida. **1.** Tie an eight-looped bow of lace-edged silver ribbon and tack in the center of a blue satin ball with two pearl-head pins. (If you can't find satin balls, cover plain Styrofoam balls in ribbon.) **2.** A red-dyed, glitter-dusted Styrofoam ball wears a flower of heavy green paper and gold braid held in place by pearl-head pins. Radial ribbon loops are individually pinned. **3.** Segment a white satin ball with shocking pink half-inch ribbon lace secured by gold-head pins. Top with a six-looped bow and hang with gold metallic string. **4.** Cradle a silver satin ornament with ¾-inch velvet ribbon reinforced with wire. The flexible ribbon is curved to shape the cradle and held to the satin ball with pins. **5.** A glittering triad of ornaments, each one a halved Styrofoam ball, dyed red and glitter-dusted. Decorate halved balls with ¾-inch satin ribbon and pearl-head pins. Glue flat sides of the balls to a red velvet streamer. **6.** Half-inch satin lace tacked with pearl-head pins stripes a blue satin ball. Lace ribbon loop pinned to top serves as the hanger. **7.** A festive bow is made from ¾-inch satin-back velvet ribbon looped eight times and knotted at the center with wrapped green wire. Attach directly to the branches with the wire ends. **8.** Section a silver silk ornament with ½-inch satin ribbon and add a topknot of 10-loop bow. Hang with gold string. **9.** Half-inch satin lace wrapped around the center of a gold satin ball is secured with eight pearl-head pins. The hanger is a loop of satin tacked with a pin; the bottom has five pearl-head pins arranged in a flower cluster. A note from the designer: To be sure pins don't slip, dip them in glue and let dry a few hours before using.





Where imagination reigns, the beribboned tree proclaims the cherished Christmas message of merriment and gaiety

The ravishing Christmas tree reaches imaginative —and ceiling—height in Marnie Moore's Manhattan apartment (*left*). One end of the mirrored entrance hall, just outside a book-lined living room, is filled with a frisky young splurge of Christmas colors and a country freshness that honors the theory that at Christmas, everyone enjoys the things of childhood. The tree, decorated by Designer Ronaldo Maia, bursts with the gaiety of red-and-white polka-dotted ribbons swagged and tied into perky bows, of snappy peppermint balls and old-fashioned ornaments from Mrs. Moore's collection—and a smiling audience of rag dolls. Instead of placing the tree in her living room, she chose the hall so guests can sip drinks in the coziness of the living room while looking at a tree that is gala and disarming in its personal touches. As guests arrive for her many holiday parties and "at homes," they are greeted with a small "hello, how are you?"



GRAFF GARCIA

tree in the outer foyer (*left*). Presiding merrily over a cluster of mistletoe tied to a bird-cage chandelier and a big red-bowed wreath, the guest tree is tied with tailored bows and holds a barnyard's worth of beguiling miniature pigs. So appealing are the pigs that guests tend to take the toy animals as party souvenirs as they wait for the elevator, says Mrs. Moore. "When guests leave, there go my miniature pigs!" But she keeps extras on hand to replace the losses. In the Manhattan apartment of Rubén de Saavedra (*above*), Designer Robert Miglio has set a small tree delightfully crowded with whimsey in a planter by the window. Here, the smiling rag dolls are on the tree itself—joining such other tributes to nostalgia as reindeer of straw and chunky taffeta bows reminiscent of those that once tied the hair of little girls in middy blouses. More of these patterned ribbons are used on the packages beneath, creating a very piquant mélange for this Christmas Corner.

Tie together your own stunning statement

Editor LESTER GRUNDY ☐ Look now to the wreath, taking on dazzle and punch with ribbon, proclaiming to all that this is a home where the holiday spirit is strong. And, says Designer Robert Miglio of Robert Webb Inc., in New York, who created these romantic circlets, making a ribbon wreath is easy. Besides materials and instructions (see "Constructing a wreath," contents page), he says, "you'll need only a little persistence and patience." Our cover wreath (*near right*) is made entirely of ribbons—striped, polka-dotted and solid-color satin swirls on a Styrofoam base. The other two add unexpectedly magic notes. Arranged with wit and charm below, dried flowers, tiny baskets of glistening berries and small jewelry boxes tied with ribbons. Graceful doves, symbolizing the eternal desire for peace and good will, are connected by a swirl of green ribbon. A lavishment of fantasy lights up the wreath at far right: patterned bows, peppermint balls, nosegays of artificial white poppies and red forget-me-nots, all pinned to a circle of glistening greens.







The charm of the unexpected can give any room a holiday aura

Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ Christmas magic, captured in witty, whimsical ways. **1.** Designers Edward Zajac and Richard Callahan turn a circular, bamboo-tiered étagère into a giddy Christmas "tree" with saucy checked bows and bands of old-fashioned gingham ribbon held with double-faced masking tape. All over the tree, clusters of bow-tied packages and a collector's bounty of blue-and-white china, and on top, instead of the traditional star—a cachepot of lush white carnations. **2.** Peasant-patterned ribbons in two widths transform the Long Island country dining room of Designers Robert Booth and Stuart Blaine. Flat bands of the green-and-red design architecturally define windows, doors and moldings, then swirl into graceful festoons on a corner cabinet. The chandelier is hung with Maltese crosses fashioned of narrower ribbon, above a centerpiece of pine sprays thickened with pink geraniums and a merry crisscross of ribbons on the round table. **3.** Designer Bebe Winkler and Florist Ronaldo Maia whirled outrageously large loops of plaid silk dressmaker ribbon (wired for stiffness) into a flamboyant Edwardian table "tree," pin-dotted with sprigs of glittering flowers. **4.** An Italian carved wood angel is given a simple but stunning holiday halo in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus A. Mino. Designer Rita Mino's method? Five lengths of ribbon, carefully tucked into diminishing circles and pinned to the wall behind the sculpture. **5.** Over the mantel of their living room, Mrs. Mino placed a flat, abstract tree of multicolored ribbons in two widths, folded origami-style and attached to a plain white canvas. **6.** A small entrance hall becomes a corner of festivity. Designer Robert Scana adroitly covered a round table in white felt dressed up with punchy bows and striped ribbons sewn on in a diamond pattern. **7.** An amusing antic from Designer Clifford H. Stanton—a ceramic-and-mirror obelisk brought in from the garden and latticed and bow-tied with striped ribbon for a Christmas corner of his living room. Carved wooden angels catch swoops of red and yellow ribbon streaming out on each side. All ribbons here and on the next two pages, Century ribbons from C. M. Offray Co.

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With the sparkle of traditional effects, the Christmas spirit shines true and bright

People with Christmas spirit decorate with enthusiasm and energy everywhere—north or south, cold climate or warm. **12.** Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sirgany's European-manner house in Sea Ranch Lake, Fla. The great tree that presides so magnificently at the top of the staircase is decorated predominantly with shiny red satin balls and little white birds with soft feathery tails—and nearly a thousand tiny Italian lights. The tree is topped with one huge red velvet bow, echoing the ties used on the smart thickets of greenery swagged along the stair railing and wreathed on the doors. Designer Tom Roetelle, who made the decorations, helped Mrs. Sirgany carry out her thoughts on Christmas decorating. "We just put a spot of Christmas in each area," she says. "The little birds are traditional European trimmings that I think look well in our house." **13.** A closeup of a swirling Italian candle, evergreens and red berries in a silver-and-crystal epergne in the Sirgany dining room. **14.** A small—and tailored—touch of Christmas by Designer Clifford H. Stanton in Southampton, N.Y.: a bed of greenery for a classic seated figure, a green-and-beige striped ribbon trim for a suede-framed mirror crowned with holly. **15.** In Mrs. Sirgany's drawing room, the "antique French mantle is decorated with lots of candles—a trail of gold roses and red velvet bows and streamers." **16.** In their dining room, a lavish rope of holly garlands the wall mirror behind a setting of poinsettias. "We missed the color when the decorations have to come down." **17.** For a jaunty mix of Christmas ingredients in the New York apartment of Rubén de Saavedra, Designer Robert Miglio has combined evergreens, peppermint bows and the mirror's sparkle.

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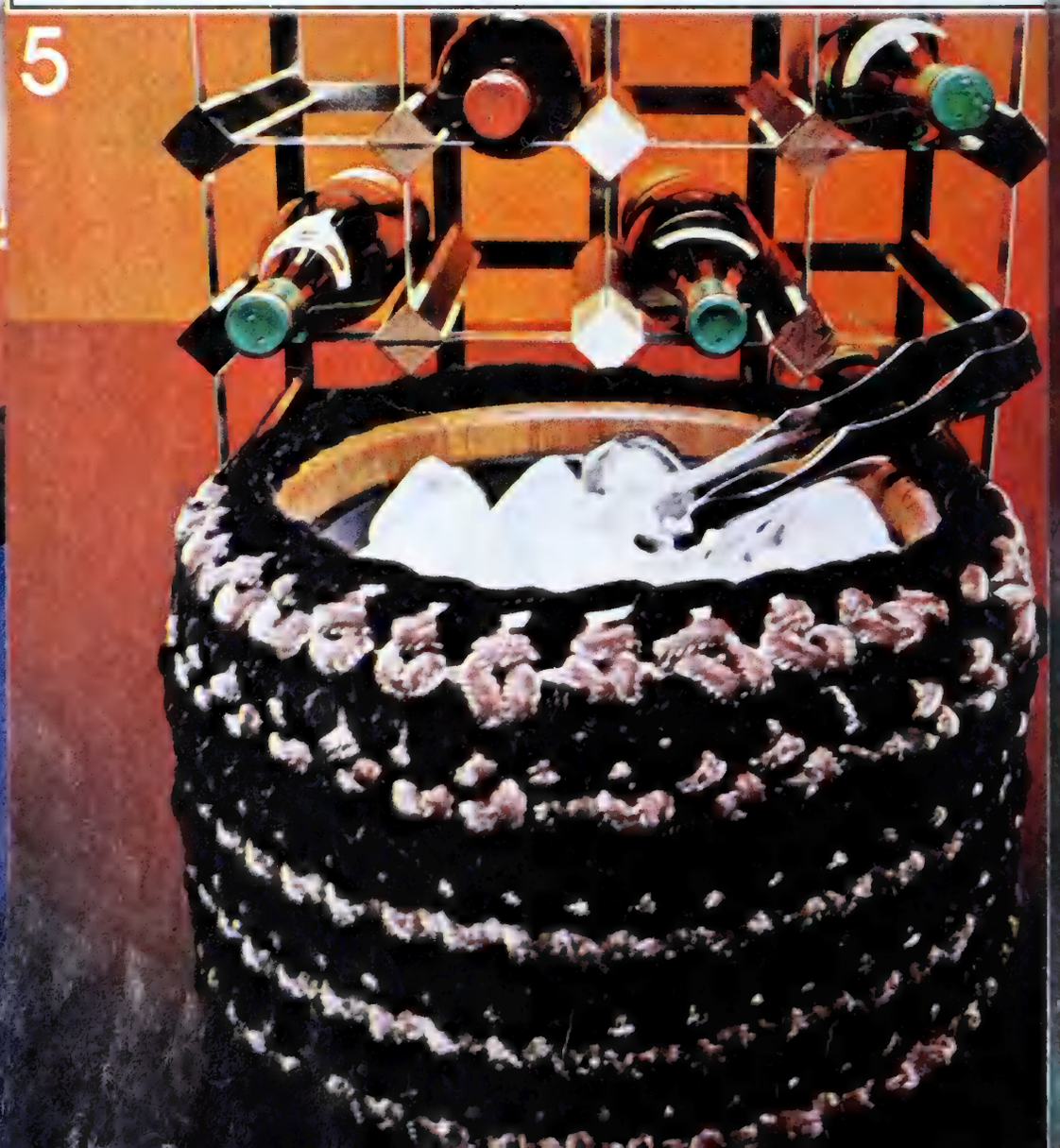




GIFTS MADE WITH RIBBON

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TCHEREVKOFF/MEOLA STUDIO

Editor MARION GOUGH □ *These four pages of gifts prove you can do more with ribbon than tie a bow. Ribbon—millions of miles of it in every color, texture and pattern imaginable—unrolls into your hands as provocative a working material as ever put the creative itch into busy fingers. Manipulate it in a dozen ways—stitch it together into new, one-of-a-kind fabrics, plait it, weave it, glue it, crochet it. Our suggestions are just the beginning. Let your imagination be your guide.*

1. *A crisply luxurious stole, simplest of productions—four two-yard lengths of three inch-wide striped faille ribbon stitched together, fringed at the ends.* **2.** *Rainy-day delight for a little girl—brolly, boots and gloves banded with a family of ducks sailing along in a woven ribbon. Stitch on the ribbon with the umbrella open. Use double-face tape or glue for the boot trim.* **3.** *One-of-a-kind mirror—diagonal strips of grosgrain ribbons, alternating color and pattern. Frame shape is cut from heavy-gauge cardboard. Mark it with straight diagonal guidelines. Apply ribbon with Elmer's Glue-All.* **4.** *Plain store-bought linens are given high style and a nobody-has-anything-like-it look when you stitch on bandings of patterned, machine-washable Jacquard ribboning.* **5.** *For a wine-bibber, dress a wine rack, gluing grosgrain to its bars. Or crochet a drip-absorbing slipcover for an ice bucket, using velvet tubing. It's a big cap, single crochet with a size K hook.* **6.** *Surround a print in a ribboned matting, slip it into a Dax frame (a slim box with a snap-on acrylic cover). Matting paper is first cut to shape with a sharp knife. Ribbon is applied unmessily with Pritt's stick glue.* **7.** *A reversible game board—backgammon on one side, checkers on the other—spectacular enough to hang on the wall, all done with one-inch grosgrain ribbons. Base of each board is thin cardboard, surfaced with double-faced tape. Backgammon points are ribbon triangles, cut with a sharp knife and applied to the taped cardboard. Two colors of ribbon woven together form the checkerboard. Both boards are covered with glass or Plexiglas and put into a ready-made frame from Structural Industries. All ribbons used are from Grayblock Ribbon Co. Further instructions will be found on page 140.*

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8. Ribbony haberdashery—neckties, belt and tie case, right off the bolt, and the lucky man (or woman) can sport custom-made individuality. Ribbons machine-stitched together on the diagonal make the tie fabrics—polka dots and narrow grosgrain, Roman stripe faille, a multiwidth series of fancy, flowery Jacquards. The ring-clasp belt is absolutely stitchless, the faille ribbon fused by ironing to a lining of Stitch Witchery. Neat gift idea: a matching tie, belt and tie case. Case is three lengths of three inch-wide faille ribbon stitched together, lined with clear vinyl film, zippered at top and one side, bound with polyester folded braid. (Patterns and instructions for Grayblock's Design'A Tie and Design'A Belt can be ordered (see page 140). **9.** Cushion ideas unlimited. For starters: a stripping together of feather-edge taffeta ribbons; a cross-weave of stripes; a puffy potpourri of 24 tiny striped faille cushions, each backed with muslin, stuffed with Dacron batting, then all stitched together, 12 on each side. Or make a big enough batch of ribbon muffins to completely cover a hassock. **10.** Love of a racquet cover for a tennis buff—a diagonal weaving of faille ribbons, stitched down, zippered up one side. Good idea to line this with thin vinyl. Canvas tote bag is embellished with a put-together of rickrack and a nautical cotton ribbon. **11.** Ribbon-coordinate Somebody Special's bathroom: bind up a hanger in velvet; trim a towel, like Fieldcrest's new silky-soft and shiny Temptation cotton and polyester terry, with a stripe of plaid ribbon or double stripes of washable picot-edge velvet (you can do the same for bed linens); make a ribbon slipcover for an aerosol can, a tissue box or a waste basket, stitching ribbons flat, with a Velcro closure at each end. **12.** Personal touches—ribbon his initial, big and bold, on a duffel case; hand him down his very own walking cane, white-glued with alternate grosgrain ribbon strips—the same technique that dukes up the saddle-seat luggage rack. **13.** Robust ribbon for a he-man, denim ribbon, plain or fringed like blue jeans—to double-tape onto a lampshade, to stitch into a zippered tobacco pouch, to slipcover his humidor, even to glue onto his matchbooks. More about ribbon gift-making on page 140.

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holiday tables

let a touch of ribbon fantasy tell the world of your personal style

Editor PHYLLIS BARTLETT

This season's holiday tables—appealingly festive, the look achieved with ribbons for trim, for plaits, for package ties. Bare of greens, an unusual setting for a Christmas Eve candlelight dinner effervesces with orbs of color (left). The snowman-shaped centerpiece—constructed from four florist's wire baskets—is interlaced, wrapped and bow-tied with grosgrain ribbons in polka dot and solid colors; the companion Styrofoam globes are wrapped with the same ribbons and narrow bands of orange cording held in place by tiny straight pins. Orange napkins and oval place mats, both Irish linen, are imaginatively appliquéd with ribbons via Stitch Witchery—a two-sided iron-on bonding mesh. To decorate the place mat, first sew a gathered dotted pink ribbon to its outer edge; then iron in place four alternating rows of pink and orange grosgrain—cut into short strips so they will follow the shape of the oval—leaving the center plain. Conceal the cut edges of the strips with alternating spokes of pink and orange ribbon. Napkins are trimmed with four lengths of grosgrain set close to the edges. The giant 14-ounce goblet is from the Sommelier Wine Collection by Fostoria; sterling flatware by Lunt. A centerpiece with an extravagance of pattern (above right) groups a pick-a-back plant with silk Nicholson poinsettias and plaid bows tier with florist's wires on a cloth of "Les Rubans" cotton fabric by Brunschwig & Fils. Or, take an antique basket and weave it through with velvet ribbons in reds and greens, then fill with holiday flora (lower right). Basket-weave fabric by Brunschwig & Fils. Centerpieces on this page arranged by Pamela Du Val of The Gazebo. All ribbons here and on the next two pages by Burlington Ribbon Mills.

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Giddy and gay or softly romantic, ribbons go with any mood you desire

For everyone in the family to help with, a centerpiece inspired by the Taj Mahal (left). Made by Mario de Rivoli, each ribbon-wrapped section is ornamented separately and then the sections glued together. For his easy directions, see page 140. Begin an intimate breakfast setting with a place mat made by weaving narrow grosgrain and wide embroidered ribbons, then zigzag-stitching around the edges (top row below). Limoges china from Céralène. Oneida sterling. Baccarat crystal. An afternoon brunch is royally served on a place mat of velvet ribbons with matching napkin rings (bottom row, below), both simply made with Stitch Witchery and Pellon bases cut to size. Stoneware by Pfaltzgraff. Pewter tankard and sterling by Stieff. At a midnight dinner, red velvet ribbon trims a dotted Swiss tablecloth and napkins from The Tablerie (right) and decks the handles of the natural straw baskets. China, crystal and sterling flatware by Gorham.







Make a glittery holiday sculpture with candles and foil

Editors PHYLLIS BARTLETT
ANNE OGDEN

Get the whole family in on the act with versatile candle sculptures that spice up almost any area. At right, the results of one candle marathon shown in the New York dining room of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Potter. The Christmas-colored setting gets its impact from Lenox "Dimension" crystal and "Holiday" china. The Lenox candle centerpiece creates a forest of trees, their shiny forms bouncing light and color off the mirrored mat below. Holly napkins, too, contribute to the spirit. Sterling flatware is the new "El Greco" pattern by Reed & Barton. Below, these same candle sculptures—interspersed now with column candles—shine forth, doubled in mirror, on a mantelpiece. By varying the number of candles and their arrangement, these sculptures will adapt equally well to side tables, coffee tables or sideboards. To make them, you'll need plastic foam cones of varying heights, a shiny covering (such as foil or Mylar), straight pins, scissors, a serrated knife, velvet ribbons and Lenox candle scented balls. With the knife, slice the tip off the top of the cones so the ball candles will have a flat surface to rest on. Wrap a piece of plain paper around one cone of each size to make patterns and then cut out shiny foil to fit. Pin foil to the plastic foam bases and decorate with ribbon strips, pinned to the sides and bottom of the cones. Group as you wish, but keep candles at least several inches apart and avoid placing so any candle flame is too near foil or Mylar. The scented candle balls should blaze for approximately 30 hours.

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Build a geometric tree of striped drinking straws

Decorated with ornaments made of papier mâché or cut from tin cans, Designer Geré Kavanaugh's peppermint-stripe tree—made of drinking straws—can hang almost anyplace. First, make small tetrahedrons or tepees: Run fine wire through six straws; shape three into a cone at top and use three to connect the bottom points; join by twisting wire ends together. Use one tetrahedron for the top of the tree and add another at each point, tying with pipe cleaners. The second row will contain three tetrahedrons; the third row, six; fourth, 12, and so on. Continue this process until the tree is as tall as you wish—a 48-inch tree (six tetrahedrons high) takes four packages of eight-inch straws. The papier-mâché ornaments were painted with tempera and then finished with a coat of clear varnish.

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Christmas is.

Christmas is a family time, but my life in show business rarely allows me to be home. The traditions I uphold are these: writing personal notes to those far away who are near and dear, a tree and decorations (sometimes borrowed from a hotel lobby), telephone calls, a church visit and caroling. And, no matter where I am, Christmas is a big box of cookies from my sister **MERCEDES ELLINGTON**

I consider I was lucky as a small child in America. I always had at least one present to open on Christmas day, no matter what our finances. My three boys have lived in Rome—where the time for presents comes on the Day of Befana, January 6th—and in California, so we have gifts twice. But without children, what is Christmas
ANTHONY QUINN

Christmas was—and remains in memory against all the glittering shams—an eight-foot tree, lit with real white candles and hung, for the most part, with ornaments made by the three generations under our New York apartment roof. We gilded walnuts, fashioned bright paper flowers, hung crab apples and candy canes, and, in between, the small Italian angels saved from Christmases long past. A bright star topped the tree, and presents girdled its feet. But before we could touch them, my mother's German tradition demanded music. To her piano accompaniment and my father's violin, loudly we all sang 'Stille Nacht' and 'O Tannenbaum' and 'Venite Adoremus'—directly to Christ **MARYA MANNES**

I like Christmas out in the country with a plain green tree, in a tub so it can be planted afterward, trimmed with colored balls. I like children around, and a turkey cooking in the oven
HALSTON

Christmas is innocence and hope—and my children. If the Hollywood Christmas Parade would stop its vulgar marching through my head, maybe I could be childlike and enjoy it too **MARTIN RITT**

The Christmas spirit in New York is a matter of expert organization. The thousands of ad agencies and public-relations firms see to that. But this being the case, the typical New Yorker fights against giving in to it—up to a point. And then, along about the twenty-third of December, his resistance cracks and there's more Christmas love, cheer, and uncontrolled giving than anywhere else I know. Once Christmas hits New York, it hits hard
ANITA LOOS

I love Christmas . . . in a warm climate. I like to translate all the traditions into tropical terms. Trees made of Mexican paper flowers, piñatas full of gifts, wreaths of fragrant fruit and exotic leaves. My idea of heaven is a moonlit Christmas Eve on a terrace in a kaftan and bare feet **ANNE KLEIN**

Christmas is intensely self-defined, as you celebrate those things you treasure—faith, family, friends, the generous spirit—blocking out the raucous and the commercialized. Or, if you select, the other way around. With so many accumulated, contrary traditions, there are more than enough Christmases for anyone's definition
MARY JO CLAYTON

Christmas has to be the most indestructible of all holidays as well as the most meaningful. Otherwise the attempts to commercialize its spirit would long ago have diminished or destroyed its marvel
LORNE GREENE

Christmas is warmth. I still cling to the old-fashioned idea that Christmas is a time for seeing people you care about. In the absence of family, the next best thing is good and fond friends **BOBBY SHORT**

Christmas is a very reverent day. It always was, but became more so after I adopted the children. I usually spend Christmas Eve alone, now that they have grown up. I enjoy it. A very private time for me, Christmas. I take between Christmas and New Year's to open my presents. Every day can be Christmas if we take the time to care and love

JOAN CRAWFORD

Some people may be truly schizophrenic about Christmas. Not me. I adore it. I long ago gave up the idea of exchanging gifts. I threw away that list, and all through the year when I see something that reminds me of a friend, I buy it and send it then and there, with a card saying 'Merry Christmas' ahead of time. If it is something really expensive, I may mark it 'Merry Christmas, Valentine, Easter and Birthday.' Two rules I've always had—I never buy mass gifts, and I never buy anything I wouldn't want for myself. Christmas and Thanksgiving are to me the times when I want to collect all the people I like who are far from home

MOLLIE PARNIS

I really do love Christmas—the country, the dogs, the home fire, the spirit of giving. Not mass giving, though, but individual thought and meaning to gifts. I think Christmas is the time for very close rapport with people you love

JERRY SILVERMAN

Christmas means nothing to me but nervous breakdown time. . . . I wish it would go away or at most only happen every three years. I won't be giving up giving presents; I give too much to too many and it would be selfish and thoughtless but I definitely read the whole thing. I was raised in a perfectly normal household and we had wonderful Christmases. I'm sorry such a happy and spiritual thing has deteriorated into such a shambles

HELEN GURLEY BROWN

Christmas is more than just the time of year when we give each other presents. Christmas is bells and candles and feelings. It is a giggle at the thought of what Santa will bring, or a mother baking enough cookies for 10 families. Christmas is trees, wreaths, holly, a fireplace, drawing names, thoughts of a baby, a mother, a stable and stars. Millions of stars, clear nights and twinkling lights and 'Silent Night' and angels, Wise Men and shepherds and sheep and cows and donkeys and Bethlehem and a family. A family dinner and opening presents and gales of laughter and thousands of gifts and charge accounts and debts and one gift—free—love, joy, peace, the Prince of Peace

RAGAN COURTNEY

Christmas is hard work for singers; we are often living out of a suitcase in a strange city. But we find there are no strangers. Hotel people, in particular, demonstrate to us the true spirit of Christmas wherever we are

SANDRA WARFIELD, JAMES McCRACKEN

"...e spirit of giving"..."commercial"..."a ...me to love"..."a shambles"..."a turkey ...the oven"..."the birthday of the Lord"

My recent Christmases have been spent in foreign lands, usually because of my singing, and each adds to my total realization of the universality of the Christmas spirit

BEVERLY SILLS

Christmas is peace...that has to happen inside the individual

VIDAL SASSOON

I run away to my house in Cuernavaca. In Mexico, Christmas is still regarded as the birthday of the Lord

HELEN HAYES

I rejected Hanukkah because my friends did not celebrate it, and my parents rejected Christmas because their friends did not observe it. So I was an orphan at Christmas. When I grew up and had my own apartment and my own life I discovered I was still an orphan at Christmas because the day is for families, and especially for children; it is not for the unmarried, the childless, the divorced, the far from home. But then we friends started banding together at Christmas, the single and alone by choice or chance, regardless of age or creed, and suddenly we were all children again (some of us perhaps for the first time) with holly and candy canes and a tree with lights on it and presents under it, with carols on the hi-fi and a big fattening dinner on the table and love in our hearts. Love thy misfit as thyself, for he is thyself. And maybe that's what the Christmas spirit really is all about

RONA JAFFE

Christmas is a time when we somehow feel we can make up to others our slights and oversights of the previous year; and it is also a good time for making slights and oversights, which we spend the following year making up for

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(who compiled these thoughts)

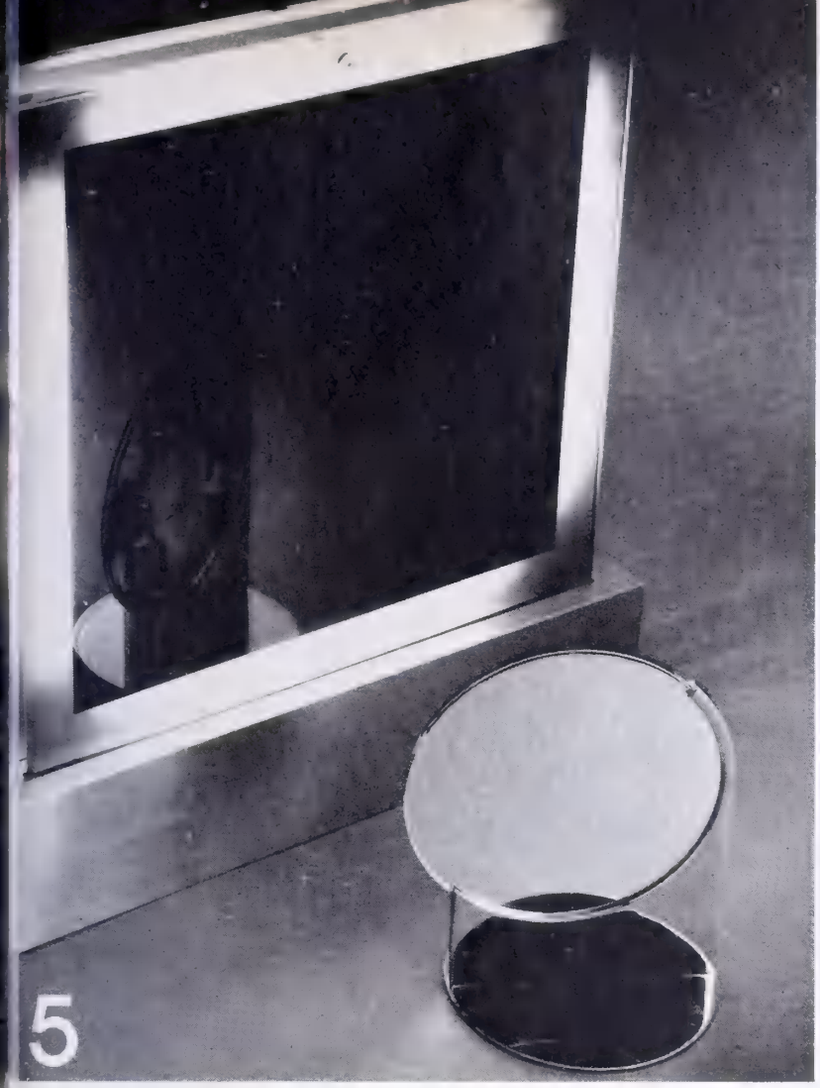


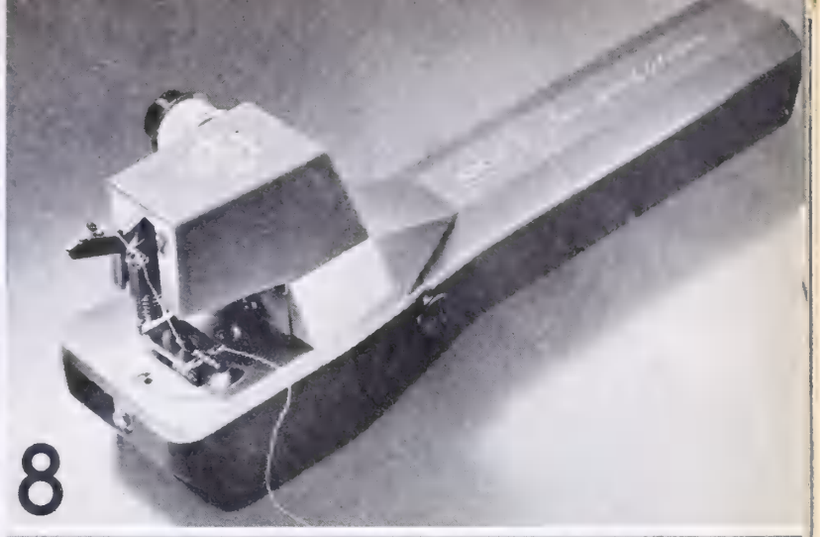


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PHOTOGRAPHS, MARIS-SEMEL; FOR RETAIL ADDRESSES, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Editor NANCY CRAIG □ The holidays are almost here—time to wind up your gift-buying. Still have blank spaces beside some of the names on your list? Then here's a storehouse of brand-new ideas sure to rouse even the most overworked imaginations. **1.** Choose a colorful clutch of wool knit quilts and pillows. In bright, modern geometric patterns with old-fashioned fluffiness. All were designed by Rudi Gernreich for Knoll International. King-size quilt, $275; twin-size, $125; pillows, $40 each. **2.** To pack a stack of magazines, the multipocketed plastic magazine rack by Beylerian. In black, white, orange or red; $55. **3.** Stitch in style with a Plexiglas-framed needlepoint tray or pin cushion. Designed by Millicent Zahn for Pencentrics. Large tray with canvas and yarn, $65; small tray, $45; pin cushion, $20. **4.** "A person's a person. No matter how small," said Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears A Who.* So give pre-schoolers their own Coltline petite polyethylene table and chairs in bright red or yellow. Easily assembled at home; Republic Molding Co., under $30. **5.** Noel! from Knoll International. The "iceberg" lamp has a stainless steel base and frame with smoky glass center. Hidden lights glow from the frame. $300. From the Asti Collection, a two-sided disc for your dresser: It has glass to show a picture on one side, a mirror on the other. $70. **6.** Picture these: The Trap Frame (*left*), two 9 by 12-inch acrylic sheets held by polished aluminum bands. From Kulicke Frames Inc., $20. Ponyskin frame (*center*) has chrome corners, is 8 by 10 inches with 1½-inch border. Mark Cross, $50. Brass-and-chrome five-picture frame from Hammacher Schlemmer has two large and two small circles and a square for pictures. $65. **7.** Now, nature from nine to five. This desk-top garden comes with three clay pots and seeds ready to plant, all encased in a gold-toned aluminum frame. Rathcon Inc., $15. **8.** Keep the mending well in hand with a lightweight mini sewing machine for home or travel. It operates on batteries or electricity. By Brother International, $25. **9.** Cook for the guests and keep it warm for the carolers with Chalet Chef, an electric chafing dish and skillet with removable heat control. Skillet has a nonstick interior, comes in butterscotch color and the two-quart blazer pan makes the unit into a chafing dish. By The West Bend Co., under $30.



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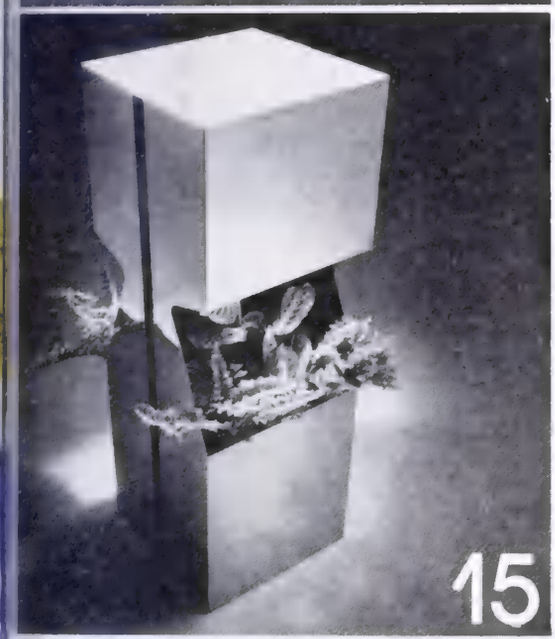
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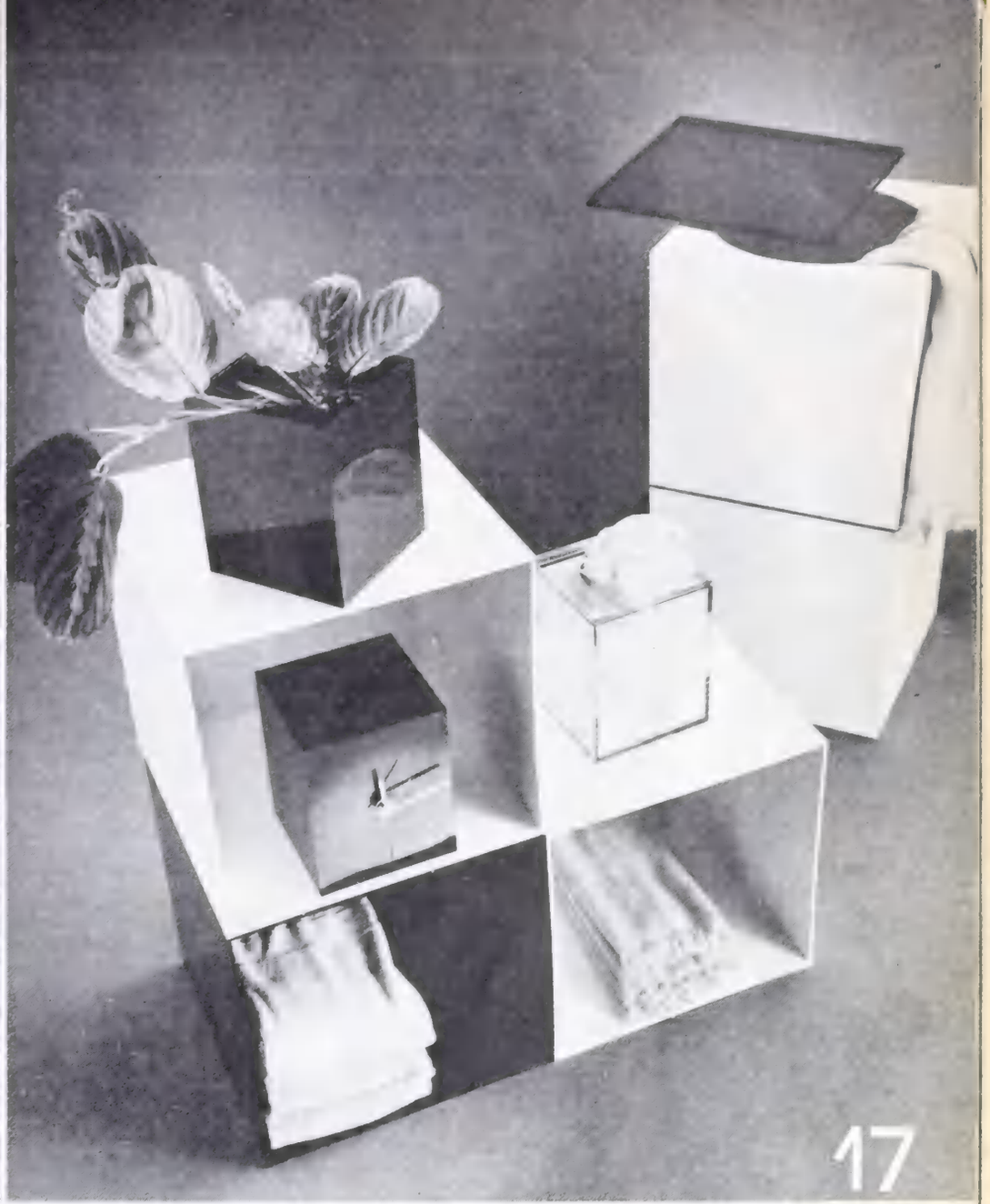


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10. Crain/Harmon has found work for idle hands with needlepoint kits created by the Design Works of Bedford Stuyvesant. Kits include the design screen on canvas, yarns, needle, tote bag, instructions and the history of each design. Seen here "Fish and Scales" pillow, a design from the Benin era in Nigeria, and "Dogon Abstract" wall hanging inspired by the Dogon tribal sanctuary. Each, $11. **11.** The perfect bicycle for the big wheel on your list has one big wheel and a little wheel, too. Red "Penny Farthing" bicycle from Hammacher Schlemmer. $70. **12.** The bull's eye never looked like this. Far from the usual concentric circles of Robin Hood and William Tell, an art nouveau 16 by 19-inch dart board that doubles as a wall hanging; comes with three darts. At Georg Jensen or to order from the Kenton Collection, $15. **13.** To patronize the arts (very reasonably), give a raked drawing board. In red, green, blue, white or clear Plexiglas, 20 by 24 by 3½ inches. Henry Schneider Designs, $42. **14.** For the collector at Christmas, the third annual limited edition Lenox/Boehm plate. This year's plate features the "Mountain Bluebird" with a 24-karat gold border design. Offered during 1972 only. Lenox Inc., $37. **15.** Who says that all the holiday lights have to be on the tree? George Kovacs has a modern note for Christmas and all year round with a polished chrome lamp sculpturally cut out to hold plants or magazines. The top, made of etched glass, diffuses the light to create a glowing pedestal for *objets d'art*. Lamp is 35 inches high, 12 inches square. Designed by Neal Small. $95. **16.** Made to stand in the corner—a compact refrigerator with furniture styling. Outside, it has a carved wood-paneled effect with a raised edge around the top inside. find 2.5 cubic feet of storage space with a freezer compartment. Sanyo Electric Inc., $190. **17.** Ice isn't the only thing we find in cubes at Christmas. Hanssen Qubes are colorful. plastic cubes in varied sizes for as many uses as your imagination can come up with. Seen here: large Qubes for stacking or storage, $8 each; small Qube used as a planter, $4; Qube clock. $18; tissue dispenser, $5; laundry hamper, $20. All Qubes are available in a choice of colors—red, white, black. Hanson Scale Co.



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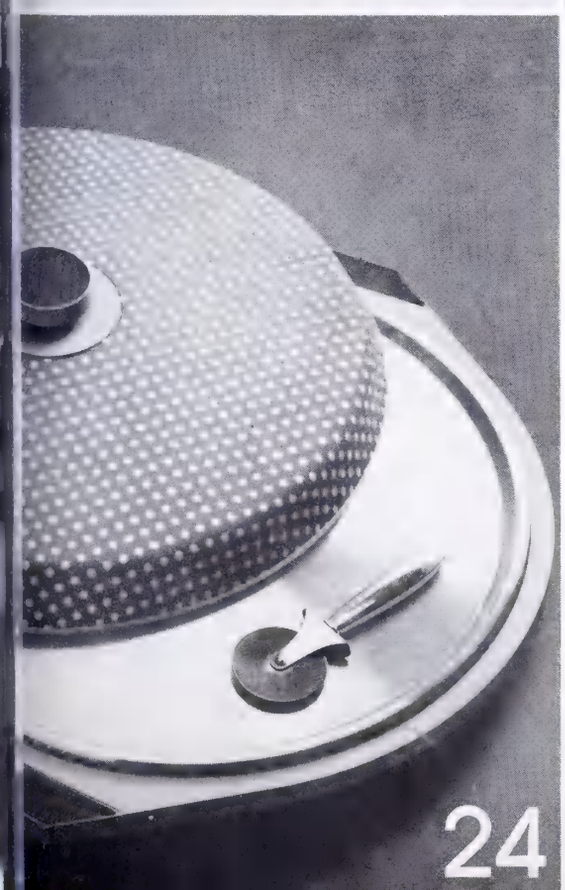
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18. Now you can take the sound of television with you and leave the picture at home. Video-Voice picks up the sound portion of VHF television channels and FM broadcasts. By Concept Plus, $30. **19.** Spring isn't *that* far off. Here's a canvas picnic sack with pockets to hold its own plastic flatware and paper napkins. And (talk about double-duty!) the sack unfolds to become a tablecloth when you've found that perfect spot. A cotton cord draws it all together. Designed by Joan Arents, $20. **20.** For the person who has everything including a microwave oven —the right gift to use it with, new Microware oven-to-table ware, made for use in today's microwave ovens. A 14-piece set (service for four), $8. In white only. Plastics Mfg. Co. **21.** How many shopping days left until Christmas? Compute the answer on the "Accumatic 100" electronic calculator (*left*). The size of a cassette player, it operates on batteries, is easily movable. Lloyd's Electronics Inc., $100. An electronic calculator that will fit into a Christmas stocking is the Bowmar 910B. It weighs only 12½ ounces, operates on rechargeable batteries. Bowmar/Ali Inc., $150. **22.** A can't-go-wrong gift, since everyone has a telephone, is Phone-Mate. It attaches to the phone, answers calls with your recorded message and records incoming messages. Tron-Tech Inc., $140. **23.** Matches are functional but lighters are elegant. Ronson's Electronic 7 (*foreground*) is encased in heavy gold electroplate and contains a battery, electrodes and an automatic switch to insure a dependable light. $50. Another sure-fire gift is this modern cube-shaped table lighter with adjustable flame. In red, blue or yellow, by Braun North America, $20. **24.** Not everyone has visions of sugar plums at Christmas. Some dream of pizza. For them, a Salton "Hot Pizza Keeper" with aluminum heating surface and a choice of colorful covers, $15, and Reed & Barton's pizza cutter with silverplate handle and stainless steel cutting wheel, $6. **25.** Add some spice to your gift list with a molded plastic spice rack. To top the 18 glass bottles, white labeled caps with snap-on sifters and 24 white vinyl washable spice labels. In a choice of colors—blue, orange, yellow, olive, red, white or black. By Copco, $15.



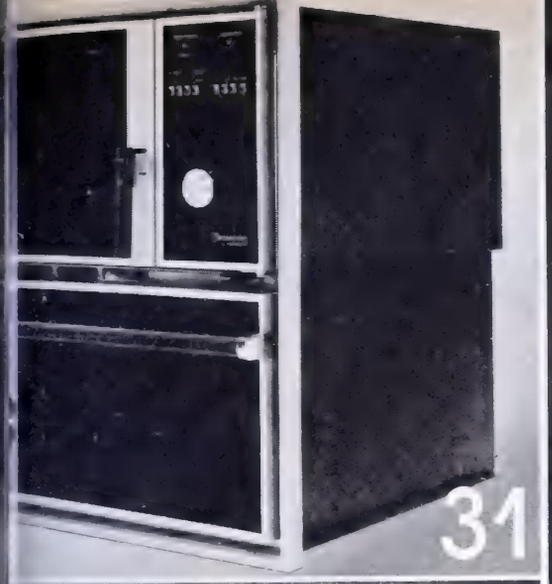


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26. Heavy correspondence or light notes —weigh them in with a postal scale (*left*) from Teraillon Corp. Designed by Marco Zanuso, it has a grooved top to steady round objects and comes in several colors. $12. "The Calculator" (*right*) takes the guesswork out of dieting. A compact food scale, it's accompanied by a colorful diet chart, measuring cup and dish. Hanson Scale Co., $6. **27.** Notes from the nature-conscious are written eloquently on Ecologue "Rapping Paper" recycled note paper. Packaged in a 15-foot roll (you tear off any length), it comes with seals that let you fold the length you choose into an envelope. In four colors. By Edition Limited, $3. **28.** Shed some artistic light on the subject with a sculptured Plexiglas-and-chrome desk lamp, 18 inches high and 17 inches long, also available in bronze color. Robert Sonneman Associates Inc., $85. **29.** A wall hanging you can wind up. The colorful, silk-screened animal print is encased in Plexiglas and carries it's own parade song—with music box mechanism hidden in a wheel that looks like part of the picture. With its bright colors and musical surprise, it's the perfect gift for the children on your holiday list. By Angela Ink Inc., $15. **30.** It's a reminder of the warmer days to come. Terrarium kit includes a 12-inch terrasphere, special soil, charcoal and instruction booklet. Christen Inc., $12. **31.** Two-in-one. A Thermotronic Microwave Range combined with the Therma-Drawer Hot Food Server to keep the prepared food hot while the rest is cooking. Thermador, $750. **32.** Now hear this: A radio encased in a polystyrene picture cube. Called SoundScene, the battery-operated AM radio easily separates from the cube for picture changes. General Electric, $13. **33.** A bit late for Halloween but just in time for Christmas is Jack O'Lantern. A 15 inch-high chrome cylinder lamp, light glows through slit body and top. Ralph Fleischmann Inc., $40. **34.** An entertaining idea for the holiday season is the new Pyrex sculptured ovenware. It has all the advantages of Pyrex Ware and the elegant look of cut glass. Shown here (counterclockwise): four-quart bowl, $2.50; 10-ounce bowl, $6 for set of six; 16-ounce bowl, $5 for set of four. From Corning Glass Works.

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The House Beautiful Chef's Favorite Trio of Soups and Desserts

By JACQUES PÉPIN ☐ ***Brillat-Savarin, the 19th-century gastronome famed for his* La Physiologie du Goût*, *once remarked that a woman who couldn't make soups shouldn't be allowed to marry. There's no question but that a soup can be a sure test of a good cook. We French have a passion for good, honest, homemade soups—and more often than not we serve them as a first course at dinner, although certain soups, such as these, are sturdy enough to make a meal in themselves. For example, the Gratinée Lyonnaise au Porto. From the Lyonnais region (my part of France), it is a marvelous winter soup to serve when you go out at night "on the town," as Americans say. Around four or five o'clock in the morning, it is a sort of custom for everybody to eat* la gratinée. *All of these soups can be made the day before they are to be served. This is also true of the Cheese Cake and Soufflé Glacé but not the Salade de Fruits, because the fruits would soften too much if macerated more than the three to four hours called for. Although dessert is not essential to a dinner—cheese can perfectly well end the meal—there are not many who will willingly forego something sweet, and the more dramatic it is, the less will power you will find sitting around the table. Of these three desserts, the fruit should follow a rather rich meal, whereas the Cheese Cake and the Soufflé would correctly be served when the menu is relatively simple.***

*A NEW TRANSLATION OF "THE PHYSIOLOGY OF TASTE" BY M.F.K. FISHER WAS PUBLISHED BY KNOPF IN 1971

1

Salade de Fruits au Kirsch
(*Fruit Salad with Kirsch*)

Maceration:
Juice of ½ lemon
¼ cup sugar
3 tablespoons apricot jam
3 tablespoons kirsch
Fruits:
1 cup fresh cherries or strawberries
1 small bunch seedless white grapes
1 small bunch red grapes
1 banana
2 red or golden delicious apples
2 pears
3 navel oranges

Combine the lemon juice, sugar, apricot jam and kirsch in a bowl large enough to accommodate the fruit.

Wash and pit the cherries or wash and hull the strawberries. Add to the bowl. Wash the grapes, strip off the stems and add to bowl. Peel the banana; peel and core apples and pears, then slice right into the bowl. Using a sharp knife, peel the oranges right down to the flesh. Loosen the sections by cutting down as close to the membrane as possible on both sides of each section. Drop the sections into the bowl as you cut them and remove seeds, if any. Squeeze the membrane to extract any juices.

Once all the fruit has been added to the maceration, mix very carefully, then refrigerate for three to four hours before serving. Serve cold with a good, rich pound cake.

2

Soufflé Glacé Grand Marnier
(*Iced Soufflé Grand Marnier*)

1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
6 egg yolks
½ cup Grand Marnier
2½ cups heavy cream, whipped
6 to 8 ladyfingers or fingers of *génoise* or pound cake
Cocoa

Combine the sugar, water and orange rind in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; boil three to four minutes. Discard rind.

Place the yolks in the bowl of an electric mixer. Add the syrup and beat at high speed for 10 to 12 minutes. At this point it should be very thick and pale yellow. Add ¼ cup of the Grand Marnier and beat for another three minutes.

With a rubber spatula, fold the whipped cream into the mixture. Cover the bottom of a one-quart mold with a thick layer of the mixture. Arrange the ladyfingers on top. Sprinkle with the remaining Grand Marnier. Fill the mold right to the top. Refrigerate the remainder.

Take a double fold of waxed paper and make a collar around the mold two to three inches above the rim. Tie securely with a string. Place the mold in the freezer for one hour or until it is firm. When firm, add the remainder of the mixture. Return to the freezer until frozen. Just before serving, sprinkle the top with cocoa.

3

Cheese Cake aux Myrtilles
(*Cheese Cake with Blueberry Sauce*)

2 tablespoons sweet butter
½ cup graham cracker crumbs
4 packages (eight-ounce size) cream cheese
1¾ cups sugar
4 eggs
Grated rind of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
½ teaspoon vanilla

You need a round pan, eight inches in diameter and three to four inches deep. (*You cannot use a spring-form pan.*) Butter it well. Then add the crumbs and shake the pan (this is best done over the sink), tipping it back and forth to coat sides and bottom. Dump out any excess. Set aside.

Place the remaining ingredients in the bowl of the electric mixer. Mix at medium speed for a couple of minutes. Turn to high and beat until thoroughly mixed and smooth. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Place in a roasting pan. Add enough hot water to reach to two-thirds the depth of the mold. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1½ hours. At this point, turn off the oven and allow the cake to remain in the oven for another 30 minutes. Place on a cake rack and allow to cool before unmolding. To unmold, invert on a suitable serving platter.

Serve with *Apricot and Blueberry Sauce*: Combine one 12-ounce jar of apricot jam with ½ cup sugar and ½ cup water. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly for five minutes. Strain through a fine sieve. Stir in 1 cup blueberries. Cool. Then add a good dash of kirsch.

4

Gratinée Lyonnaise au Porto
(*Onion Soup Lyonnaise Style*)

2 tablespoons butter
1 large onion, sliced very thin
3 cups beef or chicken broth
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
4 slices of firm-textured bread, toasted
¾ cup grated Gruyère cheese
3 egg yolks
¾ cup port wine

Melt the butter in a generous saucepan; add the sliced onion and sauté for 10 to 15 minutes, or until light brown. Add the broth and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil; cook for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut each slice of toasted bread into eight squares. Place one third of the toast squares in the bottom of a soup tureen (any capacious, ovenproof casserole handsome enough to go to the table will do). Sprinkle with some of the cheese, add more toast and then more cheese —saving enough to sprinkle over the top of the soup. Fill the tureen with the hot soup, with the remaining cheese on top. Place in a 400° oven for 25 minutes. Bring the *gratinée* to the table.

In front of the guests, combine the yolks with the wine in a deep soup plate and whip very hard with a fork. With a ladle, make a "hole" in the *gratinée*, pour in the port mixture and fold into the soup with the ladle. Serves four or six.

5

Potage Cultivateur
(*Vegetable Soup*)

3 tablespoons butter
1 leek, thoroughly washed and thinly sliced
1 medium onion, peeled and thinly sliced
1 small white turnip, peeled and thinly sliced
2 small carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
10 parsley sprigs, coarsely chopped (about ⅓ cup)
1 celery rib, thinly sliced (about ½ cup)
3 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1½ tablespoons salt
Minced parsley

Melt the butter in a large, enameled casserole. Add all the ingredients except the potatoes, salt and the minced parsley. Steam over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for three to four minutes. Do not allow the mixture to brown. Add the potatoes, 2 quarts of water and the salt. Bring to a boil, then cook uncovered over a moderate heat for one hour and 15 minutes. Makes two to three quarts. Serve in heated cups with a garnish of minced parsley.

6

Potage Crème de Tomates
(*Cream of Tomato Soup*)

4 tablespoons (½ stick) sweet butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 yellow onion, peeled and sliced thin (about 1¼ cups)
3 ripe fresh tomatoes, chopped coarsely
3 tablespoons tomato paste
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2½ cups or 2 cans (10½-ounce size) chicken broth
½ teaspoon sugar
Dash salt
Dash freshly ground white pepper
1 cup heavy cream

Heat 2 tablespoons of the butter with the oil in a saucepan. Add the onion and sauté for about five minutes. Stir in the tomatoes and tomato paste and cook for two or three minutes. Sprinkle with the flour and mix well with a wooden spatula. Add the broth, sugar, salt and pepper. Simmer 15 minutes.

Pour into the container of the electric blender and blend at high speed for a couple of seconds. Strain through a fine sieve. Pour into saucepan and add the cream. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer two to three minutes.

At serving time, stir in the remaining butter, bit by bit. This soup may be served either with or without croutons.

cooking with Helen McCully

One of our Christmas convictions is that every house should have a big jar filled with homemade cookies, a sure way to make the holidays merrier. To that end, we give you here a dozen marvelous recipes that include Christmas classics from France, Germany and Greece as well as several American originals. Good to eat they definitely are—pretty, too, with garnishes of candies, cherries, walnuts, toasted almonds, whole cloves and shiny glazes. Make up a few batches for your family and while you are about it, why not make some to give to friends.

12 delicious ways to fill your Christmas cookie jar

1

Greek Butter Cakes

Traditionally made in Greece at Christmastime, the history of these crumbly little cakes can be traced back to the 4th century a.d. The clove stuck in the top of each recalls, of course, the spices brought by the Wise Men to the Christ Child.

1 cup walnuts, ground
1 pound (4 sticks) butter, cut up, at room temperature
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons Cognac
¾ cup confectioners' sugar
6 cups sifted cake flour
Whole cloves

Grate the walnuts in the electric blender until very fine. Set aside.

With an electric beater or in the electric mixer, cream the butter until very soft and fluffy. Add the egg yolk and Cognac and beat well. Then gradually add the sugar, beating hard and constantly. Next add the walnuts and beat them in thoroughly. Finally, add the flour, by the cupful, and beat it in until well mixed.

To make the cookies, shape little balls of the dough about the size of walnuts. Stick a clove in the center of each and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Cool on the sheet. Sift confectioners' sugar generously over the little cakes so that each one is evenly coated. Stored in an airtight container, they keep fresh a long time. This quantity will make about 7½ dozen.

2

Peppernuts

Pfeffernüsse, or peppernuts, are traditional in Germany at Christmastime. They should be allowed to mellow for several days to bring out all the good spicy flavors but will keep for an almost indefinite time in an airtight container.

2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon finely ground pepper
¼ teaspoon baking soda
⅓ cup nuts
2 eggs
1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
Glaze (*below*)

Grease cookie sheets and set aside. Sift together the flour, all the spices and the baking soda. Grate the nuts in the electric blender. With a rotary or electric beater, beat the eggs and sugar for about five minutes or until you have a perfectly smooth mixture. Thoroughly stir in the flour mixture and nuts.

With wet hands, pinch off pieces of the dough and roll into balls about one inch in diameter. Place on prepared cookie sheets, about one inch apart. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about three dozen.

Glaze: Combine ½ cup of water, 1½ cups sugar and a dash of cream of tartar in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook until the mixture reaches 235° on a candy thermometer. Meanwhile, beat 1 egg white until it holds a peak. Add the syrup to the beaten white in a thin, steady stream, beating constantly. Note, the glaze will look thick and opaque but it will not be quite as thick as frosting.

Working quickly, while the glaze is still warm, drop the cookies, a few at a time, into the glaze. Then lift with a slotted spoon to a rack to dry.

3

Lebkuchen
(Honey Spice Cake)

The holiday spice cake of Nürenberg, Germany, Lebkuchen goes back 600 years. Originally known as honey cake, by the 13th century it had come to be called Lebkuchen, meaning gingerbread.

Shortening
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
4 cups all-purpose flour
2 eggs
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup candied citron or orange peel or a mixture of both, chopped fine
1 cup blanched almonds, chopped fairly fine
¾ cup liquid honey
Egg White Glaze (*below*)
Candied cherries

Grease cookie sheets with shortening and set them aside.

Sift the spices, salt and baking powder together with the flour. With a rotary or electric beater, beat the eggs until thick and creamy, then gradually beat in the sugar. Stir in 1 cup of the flour mixture and the candied fruit. Mix the almonds and honey together, then stir in 1 cup of the flour mixture. Now, combine the egg dough and the honey dough. Sprinkle a board with flour and knead the two doughs together. Finally, knead in the remaining flour.

Take about half the dough at a time and roll out ½ inch thick. Cut into squares, one-by-three-inch fingers or with a cookie cutter. Place on the prepared cookie sheets and bake in a 400° oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until the Lebkuchen are golden brown. Lift from the cookie sheets to cake racks and cool. When cold, glaze.

Egg White Glaze
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and beat with a rotary or electric beater for five minutes. Using a pastry brush, coat each of the Lebkuchen, then garnish with half a candied cherry.

Store between sheets of waxed paper in airtight containers for several weeks to allow them to age. (*Continued on page 82*)

From the top, reading left to right: Cinnamon Stars, Jewel Cookies, Lemon Hearts, Peppernuts; bottom: Almond Paste Macaroons, Lebkuchen, Marvelous Gingersnaps, Greek Butter Cakes, Chocolate Hearts, Sand Tarts.

RICHARD JEFFERY



6 festive holiday drinks—and the new liqueurs

Even the most confirmed spirits-on-the-rocks drinker will relent and try something a bit different during the Christmas season. So this is indeed the time to bring out a spectacular drink you'd like to try yourself—a flaming coffee-with-brandy, a sparkling Champagne mixture or an exotic variation on a favorite flavor. And since this is also the season of your most formal entertaining, we've rounded up on page 85 a list of the new liqueurs you might want to add to your after-dinner offerings.

Editors LINDA B. DOWNS
MARGARET SCHROTH

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French 75

One old tale has it that this name comes from the artillery pieces used by the French in 1918. Tale or true, we can't say, but it is a delightful sparkler, pictured at top right in Wallace Crystal's "Marvel" Champagne glass. For each drink, you will need:

Juice of ½ lemon
1 teaspoon sugar
1½ ounces gin or brandy
3 ounces chilled Champagne

Shake lemon juice, sugar and brandy or gin very well with crushed ice. Pour into chilled Champagne glass and add Champagne. Blend by adding a tiny piece or two of ice and pushing up and down on the ice or by stirring very, very gently—too hard and the Champagne will lose its bubbles before you serve it.

2

The Bobaroo

One of many recipes collected from top bartenders for his *Quick Guide to Spirits* (Doubleday & Co. Inc., © 1972 by Robert Jay Misch, $3.50), the author credits this one to Bob Briscoe of the Four Seasons Restaurant in New York. For one drink:

2¼ ounces Canadian whiskey
¼ ounce white Creme de Menthe
¼ ounce dry vermouth
Maraschino cherry

Combine spirits and stir well with cracked ice. Strain into an Old Fashioned glass; serve with the cherry. (This adapts well to the new American light whiskey.)

3

The Alexander

1 ounce Creme de Cacao
1 ounce cream
1 ounce gin or brandy
Nutmeg

Shake the first three ingredients with ice cubes. Strain into prechilled Champagne glass and dust with nutmeg. You really should experiment to find the exact proportions you prefer in these variations, but we liked the Alexander made with one ounce gin and one ounce cream to one ounce of chocolate or chocolate/mint liqueur, Creme de Menthe, coffee liqueur or Coffee-Flavored Brandy or to ½ ounce Creme de Almond or Creme de Banana.

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Grace Manney's Eggnog

Piled high with whipped cream, eggnog is a traditional drink everyone should have at least once during the holidays. This is an especially good recipe, pictured at right in the "Alexandra" punch cup by Wallace Crystal.

6 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
3 cups Half & Half
½ cup brandy
1 cup heavy cream
Nutmeg

Beat egg yolks with ½ cup of the sugar. Stir in the Half & Half and brandy and then let nog mixture mellow in the refrigerator for two to three hours. Just before serving, beat the egg whites with the remaining sugar. Then beat the cream until it forms soft swirls and fold into the meringue. Drop by spoonfuls onto the nog and sprinkle with nutmeg. About 12 to 15 servings. To vary the flavor, you can add 3 tablespoons instant coffee when you add the brandy. Or try a flavored brandy-base liqueur in place of the brandy.

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The Daiquiri

1 heaping teaspoon sugar
½ ounce lime juice
1¼ ounces light rum

Combine all ingredients and shake well with cracked ice. Strain into a cocktail or Champagne glass. To make a Galliano Daiquiri, use ¾ ounce Galliano and ¾ ounce rum. To make a Banana, Peach, Blackberry or Apricot Daiquiri, just add ½ ounce of a liqueur with the desired flavor to the basic recipe. To make a Frozen Daiquiri, put everything into the blender with 1 cup of crushed ice and blend for 30 to 60 seconds. Pour unstrained into a Champagne glass and serve with a straw.

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Café Brûlot

Make this at least once before your party to see if you would prefer less brandy—it is quite a heady mixture.

4 large cups of strong, hot coffee
2 thin strips of lemon peel, about two inches long
2 thin strips of orange peel, about two inches long
4 whole allspice
2 whole cloves
1 small stick of cinnamon, about two inches long
4 large lumps of sugar
1¼ cups brandy

Warm a heatproof bowl or chafing dish and a silver ladle by rinsing in very hot water. Put everything but the coffee into the dish; quickly stir. Ladle out several lumps of sugar and, holding above the dish, ignite. When blazing well, carefully slide back into the bowl. With your left hand, keep ladling the mixture in and out while the brandy flames, and at the same time slowly pour in the hot coffee. Continue to ladle until flames die. Serve at once—you will have about five servings in coffee cups or eight in demitasse cups.

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CARTE BLANCHE

a conventional one-room apartment becomes five dazzling living areas

Editor NATALIE SCHRAM □ "I asked a designer friend, Mara Palmer, to create an apartment where I could live, work, entertain and relax," says Martha Everds, writer/painter/advertising executive. "I know Mara Palmer—and her work—so I ran off to England and gave her carte blanche."

The one-room apartment with a sleeping alcove is now five functional, attractive areas. The rattan sofa along the "conversation wall" (*above*) is strewn with brilliantly colored Woolworks needlepoint pillows. The red cocktail table has a needlepoint inset. The sleeping alcove (*right*) became an enchanted bedroom by hanging 132 yards of shirred batik at ceiling and floor. "It's a bigger-than-life expression of me," says Miss Everds. "It's my tent room, my retreat—and it's where I like to be."

GRAFF/GARCIA



'I get the greatest lift just being home. Mara did it, but it's me. I love it!'

The luscious dining corner (*right*) "is like a garden with apple green and millions of colors." Here, a new sense of atmosphere gives this space a personality all its own. "Mara designed the L-shaped banquette. It seats six comfortably and has storage space for linens and blankets under the seats. I—and my dining room—function perfectly for entertaining, from the red Plexiglas table to the curl-up comfort of the banquette."

There is a feeling of five rooms within the 20-foot area, decorated so that it has style, cheer, individuality and comfort. A large drawing board (see *plan*) is placed opposite the conversation wall for work and buffet-serving. The kitchen (*below*) is another dazzling incentive to entertaining. A mixture of red-and-yellow wallcovering with black-and-white carpeting, it combines both fun and function. A large pegboard and folding shelf were added to give her extra storage and work space, both painted in the cheery red of the wall. "I couldn't even boil water," says Miss Everds. "Nor had I any desire to cook until this kitchen happened. All of a sudden, everything works—the space, the look and me.

"What Mara accomplished—and I was in England half the time—is a feeling of many rooms in one, a never-boring, never-confining totality that fits my needs and moods. It's cheerful. When I open the door after work, I get the greatest lift just being home. Mara Palmer did it, but it's me. It's completely mine. I love it!"







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the New Foolproof House Plants

12 diehards to green your thumbs

By ELVIN McDONALD □ Call it green survival. Concern for the environment. Or simply getting close to nature. What it all means is that more of us are growing—or trying to grow—plants indoors than ever before. Granted, there are more of us to grow things, but I am referring to percentages. The truth is, urbanization takes us away from the land, but never away from our need for the beauty of living plants.

Some of us are natural-born gardeners and I suspect we deal with plants so self-confidently that they relax and grow like mad. Others must learn the hard way. This is ultimately harder on the dying plants, but it doesn't do much for the would-be gardener, either. A friend who visited a nursery with me viewed a bench of living merchandise and said in her best executioner's voice, "All right, which one of you wants to die?" From a long record of previous failures, she has firmly judged herself a plant murderer, with the kiss of death for flora.

It is for my friend and others like her—perhaps you—we have selected the dozen house plants illustrated and discussed on the following four pages. These are plants that will hang in long enough for you to find a spot in your house that makes them happy. In this dozen there is not one that will jaundice before you get acquainted, or drop every leaf in silent protest of inept thumb. These are the new breed of house plants that almost never say die. Succeed with these diehards and you will have the experience and confidence to try 12 dozen more.

Success with indoor gardening depends on "weather" conditions—no less than if you were gardening outdoors. Sunlight, temperature, soil, moisture and plants work together. Beneath the roof of your house or apartment each room has its own "climate." You can grow the plants suited to it, or you can change the climate—within reason—to fit the plants' needs. Either of these approaches will work.

Get acquainted with your indoor weather. Study the amount of light that comes through doors and windows. How much moisture is in the air? How warm do you keep the various rooms? Are there drafts of unfriendly hot or cold air? Climate varies within each room.

First, light. Plants vary in the amount they need, but most perform satisfactorily in a range of intensities. There are four basic kinds of light for house plants: *Shady* areas receive no sun, but have light strong enough to cast a shadow. *Semishady* places have bright, open light, but little or no direct sun. *Semisunny* locations receive two to five hours of sun each day in winter. Windows facing east or west belong here. *Sunny* areas receive at least five hours of direct sun in winter. Usually a window facing southeast, south or southwest qualifies.

Second, humidity. Fresh, moist air helps plants thrive indoors. Use a hygrometer (an accurate instrument can be purchased for under $10) to determine how much moisture is present. Humidity ranging from 30 to 60 percent is agreeable to most plants. One way to increase humidity is to place containers of water among the plants. Standing the pots in trays holding an inch of pebbles and water is another. Syringing the leaves with a fine mist of water several times weekly is another way to combat dry air. The most effective way is to use a cool-vapor humidifier. The smallest of these dispense about two gallons of water every 12 hours. Larger units, which cut off and on automatically, add up to eight gallons of water to the atmosphere of the house or apartment in a 24-hour period.

Third, temperature. Most plants will grow in a range of 65 to 80 degrees. A few degrees above or below shouldn't be harmful, especially with ample humidity, but plants from the tropics suffer when the temperature drops below 60. Water temperature is also important. Tropicals are the most sensitive, but any house plant may be shocked by having icy water applied at the roots or on the foliage. Water should be within 10 degrees of the room temperature.

Light, humidity, temperature—the profile of your indoor climate. The rest is common sense. Plants need food, water, a pot large enough for roots to spread out comfortably, grooming and sometimes a whiff from an aerosol to wipe out pests. There is no way to dictate exactly how often and how much to water a plant. Guidelines for specific plants are given on the following pages. Transplants from the desert have an amazing ability to survive drought, but a handful of soil in a little flowerpot can get drier than a desert. By the same token, water-loving plants usually situate themselves in nature on a hummock of soil above water level so that all roots are not submerged. When you transplant, use a professionally prepared, packaged potting soil from your florist or nurseryman. Select a pot with a diameter at the top equal to one-third the height of an upright plant, or one-third the width of a spreader.

By this rule of green thumb, a young butterfly palm 18 inches tall needs a six-inch pot, a size that accommodates enough soil for the roots, and also is in pleasing visual scale. During the long days of the year, feed monthly with a liquid house-plant fertilizer; during the short days feed half as much or not at all. Use a water-soluble liquid or granular fertilizer concentrate. Keeping foliage showered clean with tepid water is a positive way to control insects. An aerosol of pyrethrum spray may be needed, too. Will talking to your plants help? Definitely, because when you get close enough for a tête-à-tête, you'll also be close enough to detect and eradicate pests. You'll check to see if water is needed. And you'll gently remove dead leaves. In short, you'll get to know your plants, and that is what gardening at home is all about.

Twelve plants with a strong will to live: (1) Holly fern, tough as a fern can be, its leaflets leathery and holly-shaped. Will grow in sun or shade if kept moist but won't fall over dead from occasional dryness. (2) Screw-pine swirls green or green-and-white leaves upward cork-screw-fashion. In sun or shade, it grows eventually to five feet tall. (3) Clivia is an amaryllis relative that blooms once a year. Dark green leaves. Needs a little sun. (4) Green-and-white grassy-leaved spider-plant is ideal for hanging basket, pedestal or shelf, so the babies it spins off on long stems can be properly air-borne. For sun or shade. (5) Wax-plant climbs, trails, swirls. Waxlike, durable leaves; clusters of starry, fragrant flowers in season. (6) Lofty fig is a leafy tree for indoors, adapts to any light. (7) Ponytail-plant can store several months' water supply in its base. Needs some sun. (8) Hat-rack-plant angles off in all directions. Tolerates dry air, dry soil. (9) Swedish-ivy makes a verdant sight cascading from a basket. Thrives in bright light or some sun, moist soil. (10) Bromeliads like Silver King aechmea have cast-iron tolerance. (11) Spathiphyllum is a staple for green foliage. Seasonal white flowers are a bonus. Likes water. (12) Butterfly palm adapts to sun or shade. For specific growing instructions, turn the page.

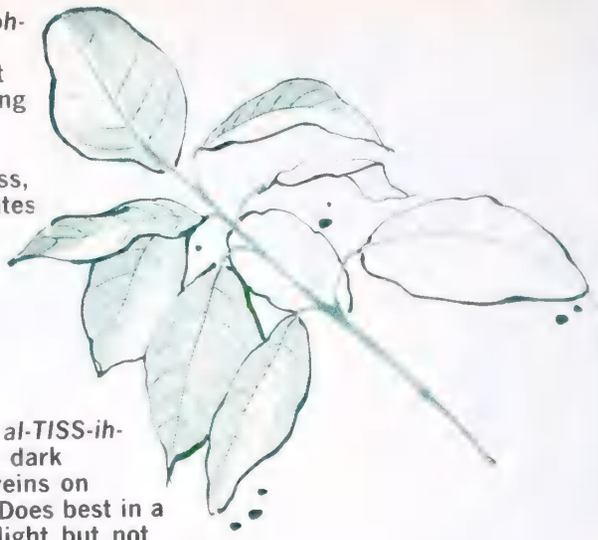



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SPIDER PLANT

Chlorophytum comosum (*kloh-roh-FYE-tum koh-MOH-sum*) is also called airplane-plant because it "flies" off young plants on long slender stems. A tremendously amenable plant that will prosper in sun to near darkness, in a cool or warm place. Tolerates dry air. Cuttings will grow well for long periods of time in water. Succulent roots keep it alive if you forget to water.



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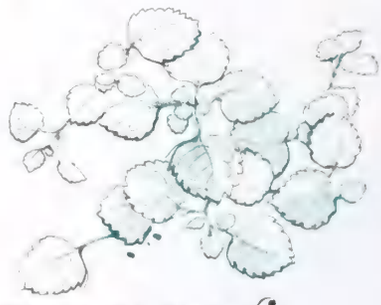
Ficus altissima (*FYE-kus al-TISS-ih-muh*) has shiny, leathery, dark green leaves with ivory veins on slender, graceful stems. Does best in a warm place with bright light but not much direct sun. Soak the soil, then let it approach dryness before watering again. Fiddleleaf fig needs same care. Weeping fig, F. benjamina, is most graceful of all. It needs more sun, but adapts amazingly well.

12 good plants to green your environment



HATRACK-PLANT

Euphorbia lactea (*yew-FOR-bee-uh LAK-tee-uh*) is also known as candelabra plant. The angled, scalloped, thick branches are cactuslike. Give it a warm spot with bright light or sun and keep soil on the dry side. The related pencil-cactus, E. tirucalli, has slender, smooth branches, reaching easily to five feet tall indoors. Both tolerate neglect.



SWEDISH-IVY

Plectranthus australis (*pleck-TRANTH-us os-TRAY-liss*) is from Australia but was first popular in Sweden. The fresh green leaves are a perfect antidote for asphalt- and concrete-weary eyes. Adapts to sun or shade, warmth or coolness. Likes moist soil, but withstands dryness with no ill effects.



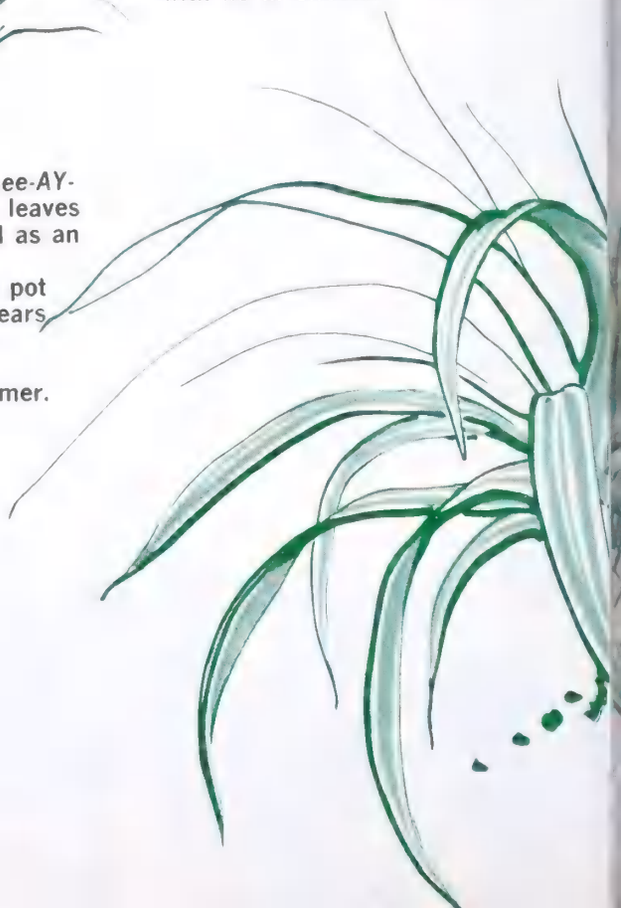
CLIVIA

Clivia miniata (*KLYE-vee-uh min-ee-AY-tuh*) grows its leathery evergreen leaves into a fan as precise and stylized as an art-deco artifact. Plant bulb with its ropelike roots in a large clay pot and do not disturb for several years. Give it some sun. Allow to reach near dryness between waterings. Feed biweekly in spring and summer. Orange flowers in the spring.



SPATHIPHYLLUM

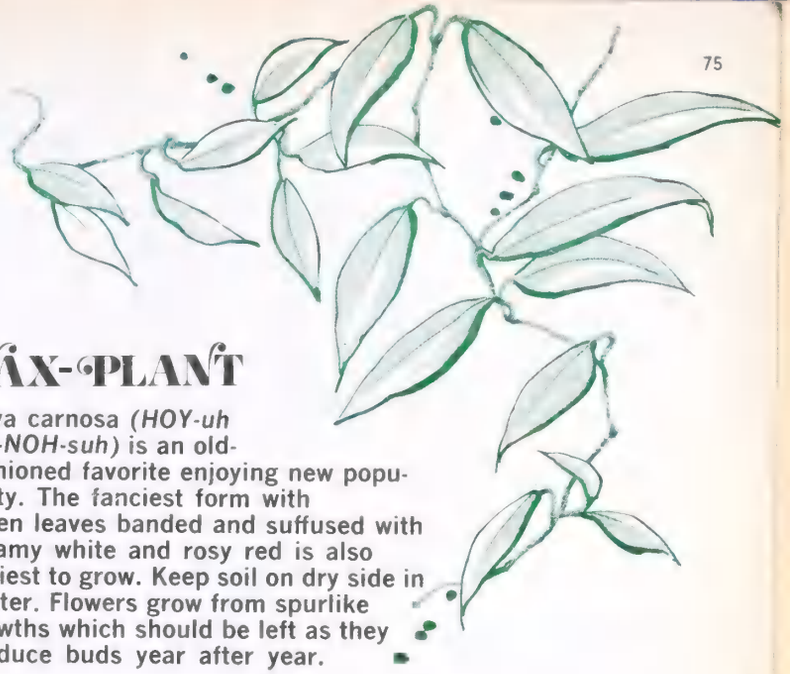
Spathiphyllum (*spath-if-FILL-um*) is also called the peace-lily, with reference to the beautiful white flowers. Different varieties vary from one to three feet tall. Goes wild in warmth and high humidity with lots of water, but adapts to dry air and dim light. Leaf tips turn brown if soil dries severely. Established plants form thick clumps that may be divided in the spring.





WAX-PLANT

Hoya carnosa *(HOY-uh kar-NOH-suh)* is an old-fashioned favorite enjoying new popularity. The fanciest form with green leaves banded and suffused with creamy white and rosy red is also easiest to grow. Keep soil on dry side in winter. Flowers grow from spurlike growths which should be left as they produce buds year after year.



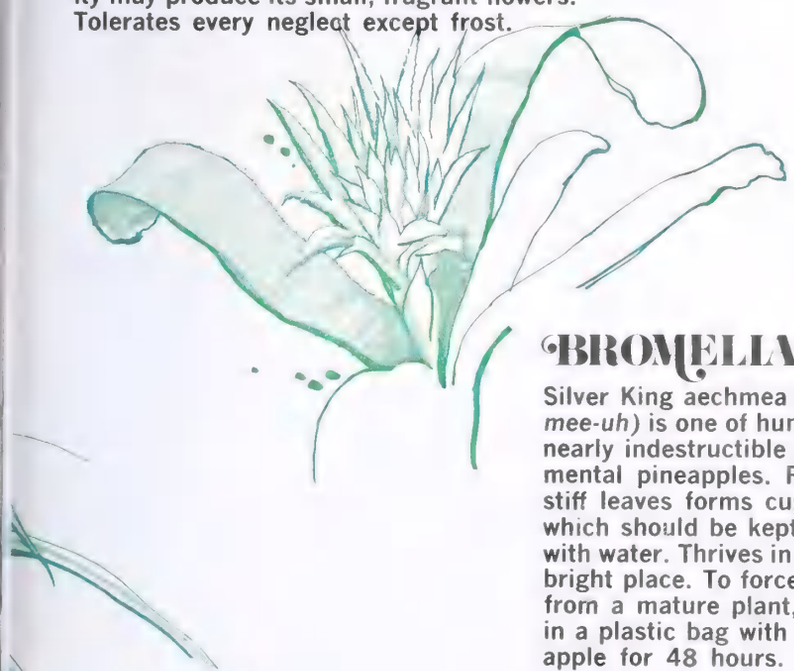
PONYTAIL-PLANT

Beaucarnea recurvata *(bow-KAR-nee-uh ree-kur-VAY-tuh)* is also called bottle-palm because of the ballooned, water-holding trunk that thrusts out of the soil. Given a warm place in bright light or filtered sun, with moist soil, ponytail will expand steadily toward the ceiling. The pendulous leaves twist and curl to six feet long. Beaucarnea is a desert-dwelling member of the Lily Family, and even in captivity may produce its small, fragrant flowers. Tolerates every neglect except frost.



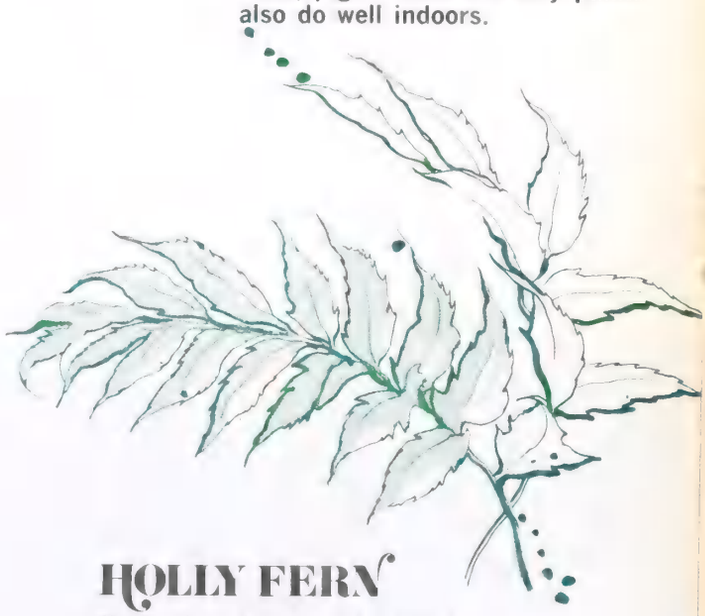
BUTTERFLY PALM

Chrysalidocarpus lutescens *(krye-sal-lid-oh-KARP-us lew-TESS-enz)* is one of the most graceful palms. Give it warmth, bright light or some sun and lots of water. Keep it out of drafts. With enough moisture, this palm adapts to a variety of situations. At least twice a year move it to the bathtub for a refreshing shower of tepid water. Kentia, Neanthe bella, pigmy date and lady palms also do well indoors.



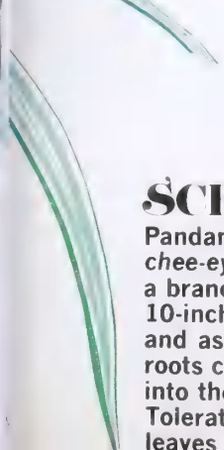
BROMELIAD

Silver King aechmea *(ECK-mee-uh)* is one of hundreds of nearly indestructible ornamental pineapples. Rosette of stiff leaves forms cup which should be kept filled with water. Thrives in warm, bright place. To force bloom from a mature plant, seal it in a plastic bag with a ripe apple for 48 hours.



HOLLY FERN

Cyrtomium falcatum *(sir-TOH-mee-um fal-KAY-tum)* grows about a foot tall with fronds of shiny, bright green leaves. Dusty brown spots on mature leaves are not insects but spores from which new ferns grow. Grows ideally in moderate temperatures, moist soil and no sun, but actually adapts and thrives almost anywhere indoors. If you can grow a luxuriant holly fern, then try the fancier Fluffy Ruffles version of Boston fern.



SCREW-PINE

Pandanus veitchii *(pan-DAY-nus VYE-chee-eye)* grows in its native Polynesia into a branched, palmlike tree. Indoors in a 10-inch clay pot it grows about five feet tall and as much across. Stiltlike aerial roots can be left to dangle or guided to root into the soil. Adapts to sun or shade. Tolerates dry air. Constantly moist soil keeps leaves attractively variegated. Remove

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THE GOALS WERE SPACE AND LIGHT

old brownstone revived with ideas usually found in exurban areas

By SUSAN LEWIN ☐ The joy of living with soaring space bathed in light need not be the exclusive pleasure of the country dweller. "We like the convenience of the city and didn't want to give it up. But we also wanted a house that would be architecturally exciting and beautiful," say the Howard Smiths. So they asked Architect George Nemeny and his associate, Debora Reiser, to transform a dark New York brownstone into this airy, spacious house. The architects took the curse off the elongated rectangular space with sweeping curves and by placing a two-story wall of glass, topped with a glass roof, at the rear.





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dining balcony sets natural progression in room arrangement

The room arrangement of the Smiths' house fell beautifully into place once it was agreed to locate the dining area on a balcony (*inset right*) cantilevered over the living room (*preceding page*). "It then became natural to put the kitchen (*right*) on the same level with the dining balcony and to have all the bedrooms on the third level and thus very private," says Mrs. Smith. "The lower two floors are the public sections of the house and perfect for entertaining, while the bedroom floor is set apart." The warm woods set up a different mood, but the cabinets restate the curves on the floor below. And with the kitchen in the middle, "it is indeed, the center of the house and the room we use most," she adds.

Although several of the late 19th-century details of the house are retained in the nursery (*left*), the master bedroom with its freestanding mirrored closets (*below*) is another extension of contemporary thought.

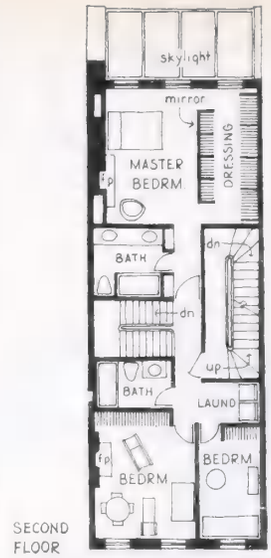




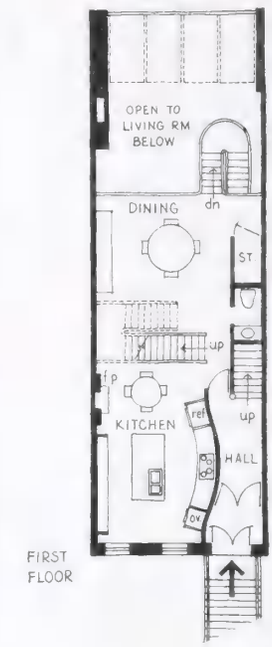
bold curves give spatial dimension and visual impact

Looking in through the two-story glass window-wall, the strength and drama of the house are immediately evident. The sculptural quality of the curving living room/study space and the cantilevered dining balcony is emphasized by the simplicity and consistency of the materials—white sand-finished plaster for the walls, Mexican tile for the floors. All of the lighting is built-in, furnishings kept to a few assertive pieces around the square-cut fireplace. Against this backdrop, the Smiths have placed vibrant rugs purchased in their travels to Turkey, a series of oils by Gail Cottingham and African art from Tribal Arts Gallery. The sculpture on the coffee table is by Jose de Rivera.

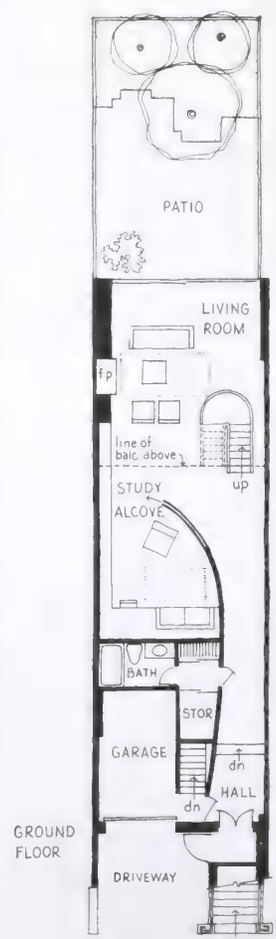
"Although there currently is a vogue in architectural circles for compass curves, I like freehand curves and used them for the long entrance wall that curves around to form the study, for the kitchen cabinets and the two-story vertical curve of the wall enclosing the flue," says Architect Nemeny. "But I deliberately made the staircase between the lower two floors a compass curve to contrast with the others." These curves serve two purposes—they make the long narrow house seem wider because they visually break up the space and they enhance the sculptural quality the architects were trying to achieve. The two-story living room section (*see plan at right*) also breaks the length of the space and the contrasting ceiling heights give the illusion of two square spaces instead of the single long rectangle.



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Cookies

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Marvelous Gingersnaps

4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground cloves
2 teaspoons ginger
¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter
¾ cup vegetable shortening
2¾ cups sugar
2 eggs
½ cup molasses

Grease baking sheets and set aside. Sift the flour, baking soda and all the spices together and set them aside, too.

With an electric beater, cream the butter and shortening together. Gradually add *2 cups of the sugar,* beating hard and constantly until you have a smooth, light mixture. Thoroughly beat in the eggs and molasses. Stir in the flour mixture, then beat very hard.

Take small pieces of the dough and roll into one-inch balls in the palms of your hands. Then, roll each ball in the remaining sugar. Place on the prepared baking sheet about three inches apart. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 12 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to stand one minute. Lift from the baking sheets to a rack and allow to cool. Makes about 100.

Note: It is best not to make these gingersnaps in hot, humid weather because they stay soft.

Chocolate Hearts

2¼ cups shelled almonds, skin on
3 squares (one-ounce size) unsweetened chocolate, cut in two
1¼ cups sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 egg whites
Glaze (*below*)

Sprinkle cookie sheets with granulated sugar and set aside.

Grate the almonds and chocolate, about half at a time, in the electric blender until very fine. Dump into a large bowl. Add the sugar, cinnamon and flour. Beat the egg whites with a rotary or electric beater until they hold firm, shiny peaks. Add this to the nut mixture. Then, with your hands, work all the ingredients together well.

Coat a board with granulated sugar. Roll out the dough about ¼-inch thick. Cut with a small heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place on the prepared baking sheets and bake in a preheated 275° oven for 15 minutes. Then cool on racks. Makes about 3½ dozen Chocolate Hearts.

Glaze:
2 squares (one-ounce size) semisweet chocolate or ¼ cup chocolate pieces
2 squares (one-ounce size) unsweetened chocolate
2 teaspoons liquid honey
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, cut up

Combine all the ingredients in the top of a double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. When melted, take off the heat and beat with a wooden spatula until cool. Using a teaspoon, coat the top of each heart and allow the glaze to become firm.

Lemon Hearts

1½ cups (two three-ounce bags) filberts
3 egg yolks
⅔ cup sugar
Juice of 2 lemons
Grated rind of 2 lemons
2 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
Glaze (*below*)

Grease and flour cookie sheets. Set them aside until needed.

Grate the nuts in the electric blender. Combine yolks, sugar and *2 tablespoons of the lemon juice* in a bowl and beat with a rotary or electric beater until very thick and creamy. Thoroughly stir in the nuts, lemon rind, flour and baking powder.

Sprinkle a board with granulated sugar. Roll out the dough about ¼ inch thick. Cut with small heart-shaped cookie cutter. Lift to the cookie sheets.

Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until cookies look puffed. Allow to stand for about one minute and then lift with a metal spatula to cake racks to cool. Makes about three dozen hearts.

Glaze:
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 or 2 drops yellow food coloring

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. With a pastry brush, coat each cookie top completely.

Jewel Cookies

½ cup butter
¼ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg, separated
1 cup sifted cake flour
1 cup walnuts, finely chopped
2 tablespoons red currant jelly

With an electric beater, work the butter until soft and creamy. Gradually work in the brown sugar until you have a smooth mixture. Add the egg yolk and beat it in well. Stir in the flour. Roll into a ball, wrap in wax paper; chill for 30 minutes.

Beat the egg white slightly. Pull off bits of the dough and

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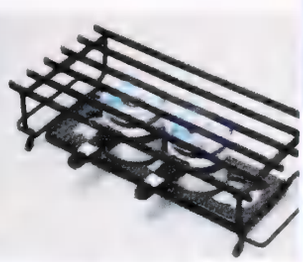
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shape into small balls. Dip each ball into the egg white, then roll in the chopped walnuts. Place on a cookie sheet, leaving space for spreading. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for five minutes. At this point, take a metal thimble and press a little cavity into the top of each cookie. Bake 10 minutes longer. Makes about two dozen.

Lift cookies to a cake rack to cool. When cool, spoon a bit of currant jelly into the thimble mark on each cookie.

Almond Paste Macaroons

2½ cups (three 4½-ounce cans) blanched almonds
3½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
9 egg whites
2 cups granulated sugar
½ cup water
1½ teaspoons almond extract

Grate the almonds in the container of the electric blender until very fine. (This is most easily done if you grind about ½ cup at a time.) Using your hands, mix with the confectioners' sugar and then add *4 of the egg whites*, mixing until you have made a very thick paste.

Combine the granulated sugar and water in a heavy saucepan. Place over low heat until the sugar has dissolved, brushing down any sugar crystals on the sides into the syrup with a brush dipped in cold water. Cover the pan tightly for two minutes. Then uncover, raise the heat and bring the syrup to a boil. Cook until the syrup reaches the soft-ball stage—234° on a candy thermometer.

Beat the remaining 5 egg whites with an electric beater or in the electric mixer until they hold firm peaks. Gradually add the sugar syrup, beating constantly and hard. Continue beating until the meringue has cooled and is very stiff. Beat in the almond extract.

Spoon about a third of the meringue on top of the almond paste and work it in with a wooden or rubber spatula. Add the remainder and fold in until thoroughly combined.

Meanwhile, line about three large cookie sheets with baking parchment. Fit a plain ½-inch tube into a pastry bag. Spoon about half the mixture into the bag and squeeze out two-inch mounds, about one inch apart.

Bake in a preheated 300° oven for 25 minutes. When cool, lift from the paper to cake racks. These can be stored successfully in a metal can with a close-fitting cover. This recipe will make about 48 macaroons.

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1¼ cups whole blanched almonds
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
¾ teaspoon almond extract
¼ teaspoon salt
3 egg whites

Grease cookie sheets well, then coat with flour and set aside.

Grate almonds, about ½ cup at a time, in the electric blender until very fine. Mix with the sugar, almond extract and salt. Beat egg whites until they hold firm, shiny peaks. Then, using a rubber spatula, fold into the nut mixture. Drop by teaspoons, one inch apart, onto the prepared cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 325° oven for 12 minutes. Allow to stand for one minute, then lift to wire racks to cool. Makes about three dozen cookies.

Crackled Chocolate Drops

1 cup whole blanched almonds
1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
8 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
⅞ cup sifted all-purpose flour
Pinch of salt

Grease and flour cookie sheets well and set them aside.

Grate the almonds in the electric blender until very fine. Place the chocolate in the top of a double boiler over hot, not boiling, water. With a rotary or electric beater, beat the yolks with the sugar until thick and creamy. Stir in the vanilla, then the melted chocolate, grated almonds, flour and salt.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheets, leaving one inch between cookies. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes or until cookies are cracked and dry. Makes about 2½ dozen cookies.

Chocolate Almond Crisps

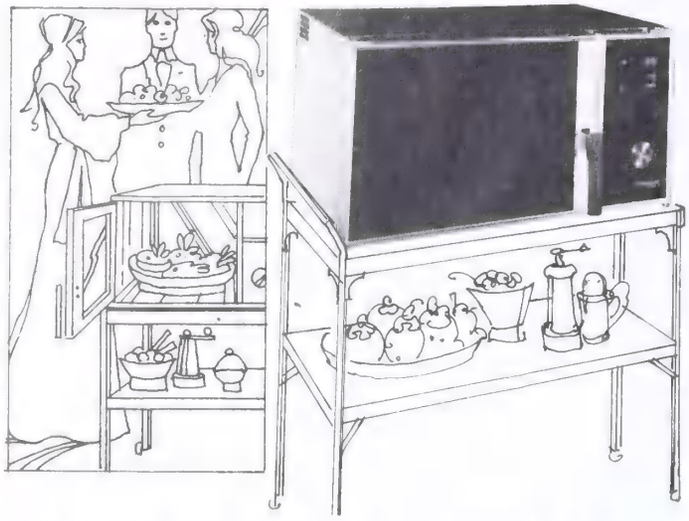
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, cut up
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup roasted diced almonds
1 package (six-ounce size) semisweet chocolate pieces

Grease cookie sheets well and set aside until ready to use.

With an electric beater, work the butter until creamy. Gradually work in *1 cup of the sugar*. Add the egg yolks (*Continued*)

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There are three ways to thaw frozen geese: In the refrigerator in original wrappings; under cold running water in original wrappings; at room temperature in original wrappings inside a brown paper bag or wrapped in several layers of newspaper. See the table below for the approximate time each method takes. Once the goose is thawed, remove and refrigerate giblets and neck and refrigerate or cook the goose.

To prepare the goose for stuffing: Pull out and discard any lumps of fat inside the body and neck; cut wings off at second joint; dry the cavity with paper towels, then salt and stuff. Skewer the vent. Fasten neck skin to the back with a skewer and tie legs together. It is not necessary to truss. Prick the skin along the thighs, back and lower part of the breast to allow superfluous fat to run out of the bird.

To roast the goose: Place, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a preheated 400° oven for 45 minutes. Periodically, remove and extract and beat very hard. Thoroughly stir in all remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheets, leaving space for spreading. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. While still warm, dust with remaining cup of sugar. Makes four dozen.

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(Cinnamon Christmas Stars)

6 egg whites
3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
Juice of 1 lemon*
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
2 bags (6-ounce size) shelled almonds
Grated rind of ½ lemon
Granulated sugar

With an electric beater or mixer, beat the whites until they hold firm, shiny peaks. Then, with a rubber spatula, fold in the sugar, lemon juice and cinnamon. Set ½ cup of the mixture aside.

Grate the almonds in the electric blender until very fine. Thoroughly fold into the big bowl of the mixture along with the lemon rind. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.

Cover a wooden board with granulated sugar. Take about 1 tablespoon of the dough at a time and roll lightly in the sugar. Press down until it is about ¼ inch thick. Cut with a small star cutter. With a spatula, lift to a greased cookie sheet. When all the stars have been cut, using a pastry brush, coat the tops with the egg white mixture.

Bake in a preheated 350° oven for eight to 10 minutes or until puffed but not brown. This will make about 24 stars.

*Grate it before squeezing.

Sand Tarts

½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 whole egg
1 egg yolk
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 egg white
Cinnamon-sugar mixture
Whole walnuts

Work the butter with an electric beater until light. Gradually work in the sugar and the salt, then add the whole egg, the egg yolk and vanilla and beat very thoroughly. Finally, add the flour and beat again. Roll into a ball, wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate for several hours or overnight, if possible.

Take about one third of the dough at a time (refrigerate the remainder) and roll out very thin on a board sprinkled with sugar. Cut with a diamond-shaped cutter. Using a metal spatula, lift to a cookie sheet. Beat the egg white slightly with a fork and then, using a small pastry brush, brush each cookie.

To make the cinnamon-sugar mixture, combine 3 tablespoons granulated sugar with 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle each cookie with this; then place a whole walnut in the center.

Bake in a preheated 350° oven for eight to 10 minutes or until cookie edges turn a delicate brown. Stored in an airtight container in a cool place, they will stay crisp about a week. Makes three dozen. ■

any accumulated fat with a bulb baster. After 45 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 325° and continue roasting (see *timetable below*) until juices run clear when the thickest part of the leg is pierced with a fork and the leg feels soft when pressed. Place on a heated platter and allow to rest for about 20 minutes before carving.

Fruit Stuffing for 8- to 10-pound Goose

1 package (12-ounce size) pitted prunes
1 cup dried apricots
1 large tart apple
1 navel orange
1 pound dried chestnuts*
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ginger
¼ cup Cognac

Combine prunes and apricots in a saucepan with enough water to cover. Place over moderate heat and bring to a boil. Take off the heat and set aside.

Core and quarter the apple, then chop. Chop unpeeled orange. Drain prunes and apricots, reserving the liquid. Combine with all remaining ingredients except the Cognac and reserved liquid. Stuff the neck and body of the goose and roast it according to directions.

To make the sauce: Tilt the pan and spoon out all the fat, leaving only the brown roasting juices. Pour the reserved prune juices and the Cognac into the pan. Boil rapidly, scraping up all the juices, until the liquid has reduced. Taste for seasoning. It may need more. Pour into a warmed sauceboat.

* To reconstitute chestnuts: Place in a saucepan with enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil, then simmer 15 minutes. Drain. Repeat two more times—cooking, all told, 45 minutes. Rinse under cold water. Drain. Pick over the chestnuts, removing any clinging bits of brown skin from them.

Sauerkraut Stuffing for 8- to 10-pound Goose

¼ cup (½ stick) butter
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
2 pounds sauerkraut, drained
1 Idaho potato, peeled and shredded (about ½ cup)
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon caraway seed
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
½ cup dry white wine

Melt the butter in a skillet. Add the onion and about ½ cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook until all the water has boiled away and the onion is tender. Mix thoroughly with all remaining ingredients. Stuff the bird with either of the stuffings and roast according to directions. ■

APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE FOR THAWING

Pounds	Refrigerator	Cold Water	Room Temperature
6 to 10	1 to 1½ days	4 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours
10 to 14	1½ to 2 days	5 to 6 hours	10 to 12 hours

APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE FOR ROASTING STUFFED GOOSE

Ready-to-Cook Weight	Number of People Served	Approximate Total Cooking Time
2 to 8 pounds	4	1¾ to 2¼ hours
8 to 10 pounds	6	1¾ to 2¼ hours
10 to 12 pounds	8 to 9	2¼ to 3 hours
12 pounds	10 to 12	3 to 3½ hours

New liqueurs

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Many are so new that their makers are crossing their fingers that the products will actually be in your liquor store by Christmas. Others are well-recognized names in Europe but being imported to this country for the first time. A few have been available for two or three years but you're just now beginning to hear about them.

Tom Gopsell of Cointreau Ltd. believes that this explosion in liqueurs is indicative both of a growing preference for sweeter, less obviously alcoholic drinks and of a more sophisticated approach to leisure living and such niceties as the after-dinner drink. Whatever the reason, it has to be called an explosion, as is perhaps best seen in the simple fact that his firm has two new entries that appear on our list to compete with such long-established and popular names as Cointreau. (*Continued*)





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Ski time in New England is just around the corner. Then, on the weekends, roads, planes, ski buses and trains will be chock-a-block with skiers hoping to spend as much time on the slopes as possible. For those who can find the time, the best bargains are during the week, Sunday to Friday, when slopes are less crowded and special "ski week" rates prevail. These can be as much as 20% lower than weekend rates in some cases. Almost every New England state has one or two interesting areas, some very challenging. And the trend is for more après-ski and evening fun. Also, more and more places have snow-making machines so all that's required of the weather is 32 degrees!

Maine says "Ski Me."

The state of Maine, whose trails are a little less crowded and prices a little lower, has over 26 major areas with surface cable lifts. This year, the state has gone all out to add new lifts, more trails and lodges. And for information, the state publishes a pamphlet, "Ski Me.," which lists the areas, gives their telephone numbers, trails and other pertinent information including a map. Check box 1 for your copy. The most challenging area in Maine is probably at Sugarloaf, U.S.A., about 18 miles from Rangeley. Its vertical drop is 2,637 feet and here you will find Maine's only gondola, which carries four passengers 9,000 feet to the top of the mountain. You have a choice of 20 trails including the Narrow Gauge, the scene of the World Cup Races in 1971. An 80-bed inn with restaurant and cocktail lounge is on the connecting mountain. Sugarloaf's base lodge also has a cocktail lounge and there is a cafeteria in the summit lodge. Box 2.

New Hampshire's Ski World

The big ski news in New Hampshire is the new area at the Mt. Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods, which is scheduled to open December 15. There's a brief description of this new facility in the state of New Hampshire's "So Much More Than Snow." This informative ski guide has many delightful photos and a map that indicates the larger areas, medium areas and smaller areas with descriptions of each. Under each area, you can read about its location, the equipment and prices for lifts. Names of the managers, their addresses, telephone numbers are included. Box 3.

Waterville Valley is relatively new and reputed to have the most extensive ski facilities in the state. Thomas Corcoran, the Olympic skier, is its president. Waterville Valley came into international prominence when the finals of the World Cup were held here four years ago. Uphill capacity is 9,500 persons per hour and the vertical drop is 2,020 feet. There is night skiing, ski touring, ice skating and good ski instruction. Condominiums and five lodges are mixed together in a good community. Check box 4.

Stowe, Vt., has been called the ski capital of the east. Mount Mansfield (4,393 feet) and Big Spruce Peak (3,330 feet) have been the training areas for ski champions since the 30s. The "Chin" area has opened recently near the highest point of Mount Mansfield. There are four new major trails all the way up the mountain that you reach by a gleaming red gondola. Mount Mansfield and Spruce Peak are situated so that their snow bowls are almost always filled with good snow from December until April. Ski-touring has a wide scope and is increasingly popular here. Stowe's ski school is world-famous. It consists of 50 American and European instructors teaching all types of techniques for beginners and skilled skiers alike. There are at least 70 inns and motels in the area and a good transportation system to the slopes. Good restaurants, après-ski, abound. Box 5.

Madonna, at Jeffersonville, Vt., has three mountains that catch much of the wonderful snow on its way to Big Spruce in Stowe. Madonna Mountain is the highest of the three at 3,610 feet. This growing area has the noted ski instructor Dixi Nohl, an Austrian who believes in the *Offener Schwung* or "open stance" adaptation of the Austrian technique for the beginner. He has a hand-picked staff of Austrian, Canadian and American instructors who can show even the most expert skier a thing or two. Their booklet has a sketch of the mountains with its 27 trails marked in different colors rated Easy, Difficult, Most Difficult. Here, you live in the village at the base of Morse Mountain so close to the

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Sugarbush, at Warren, Vt., has become a place for serious skiers despite its earlier reputation as a fun place and a place "to be seen." The trails are good, and challenging. Weekend lift tickets for a day are about $11. From Sugarbush you can ski Glen Ellen and Mad River, which are nearby. Sugarbush's ski school is excellent for all grades of skiers, and you can ski tour, curl and skate, as well. At Sugarbush you meet people on the slopes and in the restaurants, which are plentiful. Stay at Sugarbush Inn where, after a day on the slopes, you can relax in a sauna, have a gourmet dinner and dance a little, if you have any energy left. Check box 7.

Killington, Vt., in the middle of Vermont's snow belt (skiing goes on into May), is one of the biggest operations in New England. Forty-eight ski trails are served by 11 lifts on four mountains and ski touring is new here this year. The longest trail east of the Rockies (five miles) and longest ski lift in the world (3½ miles) are here, too. This is an excellent family spot—there are slopes and instruction for everyone, teen-age activities and a nursery school. They also offer six ski vacation plans that include lifts and lessons ranging from $35 to $95 for adults, $25 to $60 for children (not holiday weeks). There are over 75 lodges, inns and motels to choose from. Check box 8.

Stratton is just a 4½-hour drive from New York. It has 54 miles of trails to fit everyone's ability. They are situated on different parts of the mountain and catch the sun: morning sun in the Sun Bowl, afternoon sun in the Snow Bowl and often sun on the higher slopes when it is hazy below. The ski school, under the direction of Emo Henrich is well-known. It caters to all grades. Even six-year-olds have a center, leaving parents on their own. Stratton is principally a condominium and vacation home complex, but there are four deluxe inns situated right at the base of the mountain. Myriad dining and entertainment spots attract everyone, making for an unusually cosmopolitan après-ski crowd. Check box 9.

Mt. Snow, one of Vermont's best equipped and progressive ski areas, is in Green Mountain National Forest near West Dover in the southern part of the state. Among other things, it features a 350-foot man-made mountain that permits challenging skiing several months after the season is over. Mt. Snow's 40 trails and slopes accommodate all grades of skiers and lifts are the most modern, including one telecabine in which you can ride up the mountain in an enclosed gondola with your skis on. Indoor skating and indoor and outdoor pools are there for your enjoyment. There are many lodges within a few miles of the slopes; three are operated by Mt. Snow. Check box 10.

Ski tour, Vermont

This variation of skiing which stays away from the downhill runs has increased in popularity recently. So much so that the state of Vermont has published a "Ski Touring Guide." This fold-out pamphlet describes 25 centers for ski touring, some in State Parks. It also tells about ski-touring workshops and where they take place. Another picture-filled booklet called "Ski Guide" tells about over 40 ski areas, large and small, in the state. For both, check box 11. ■

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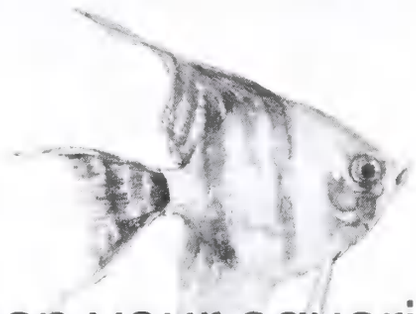
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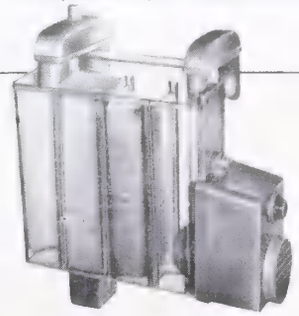
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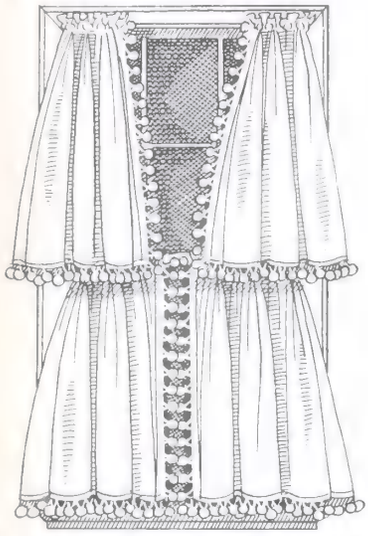
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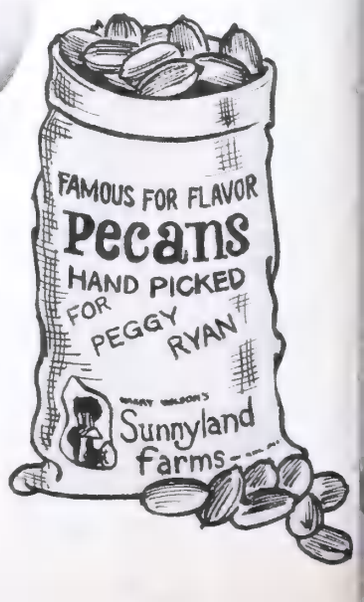


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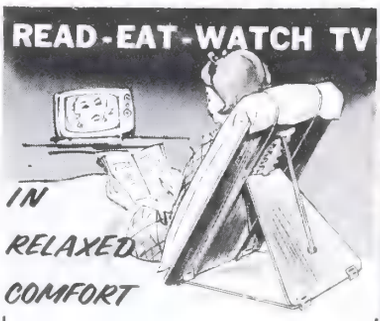
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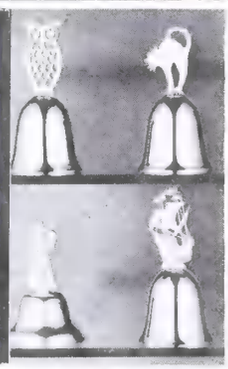
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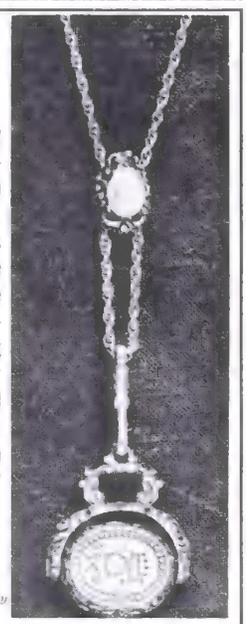
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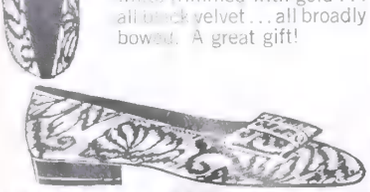
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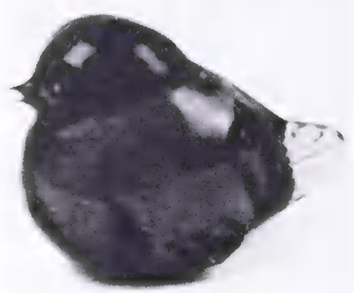
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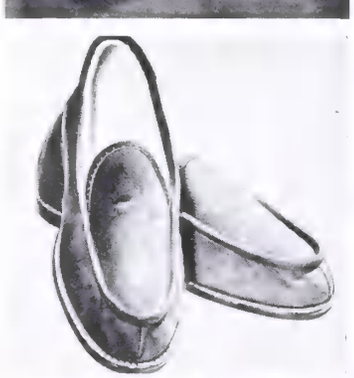
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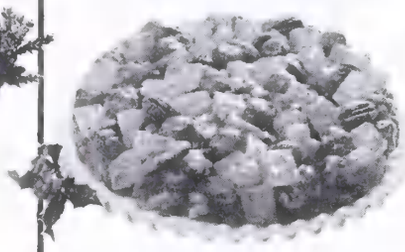
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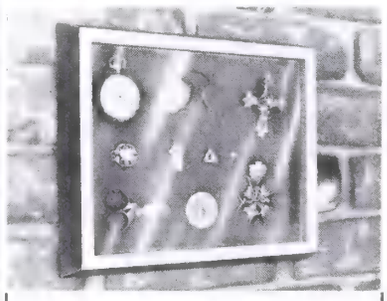
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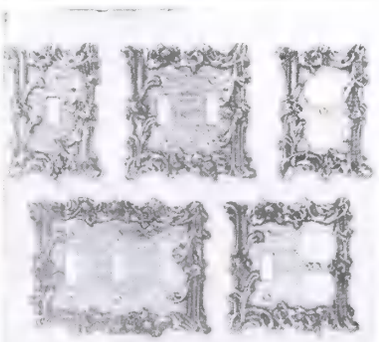
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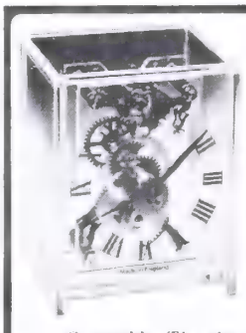
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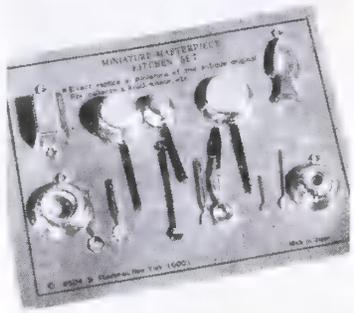
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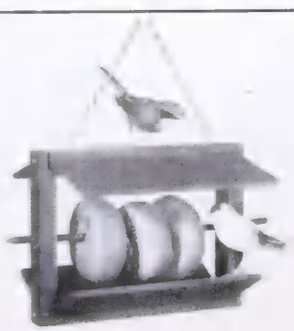
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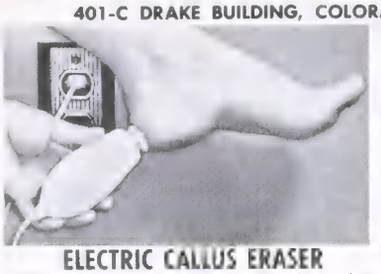
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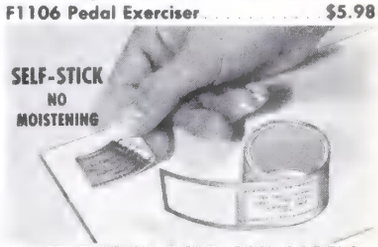
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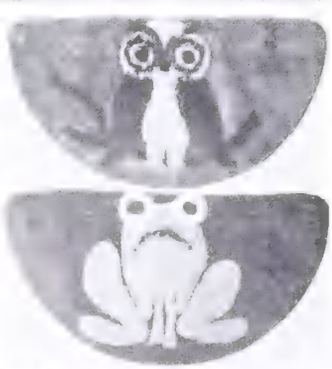


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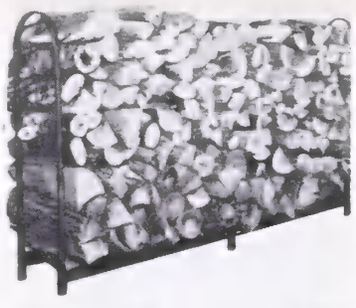


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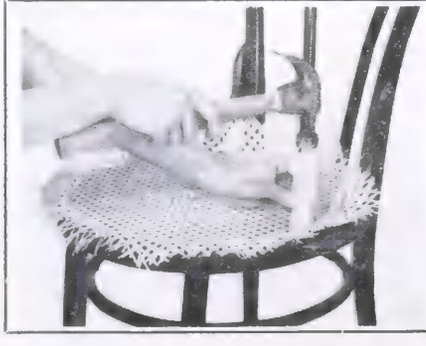
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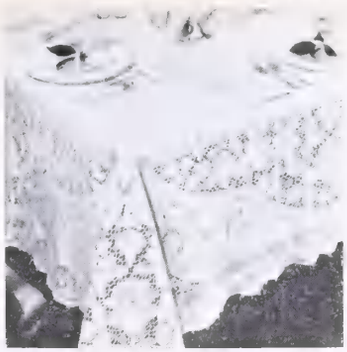


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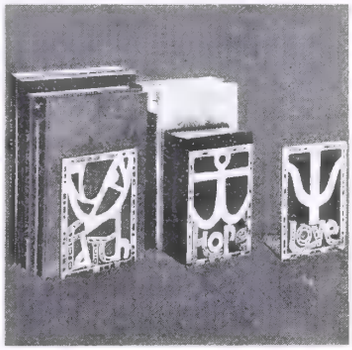
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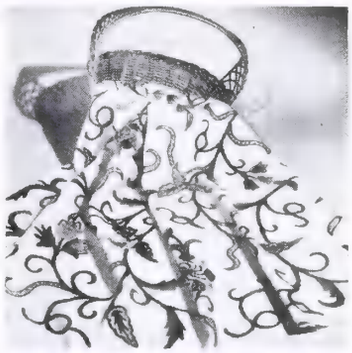
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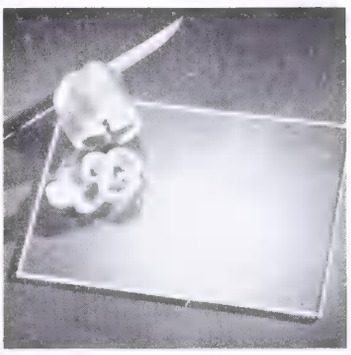
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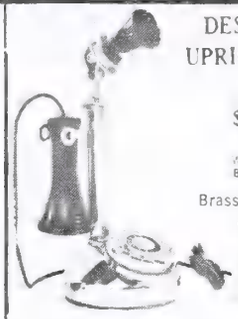
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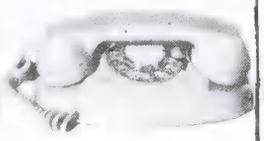
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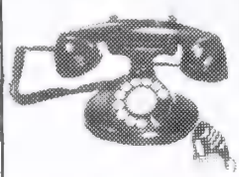
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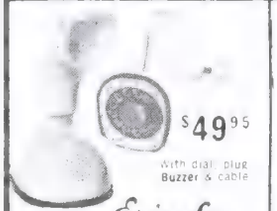
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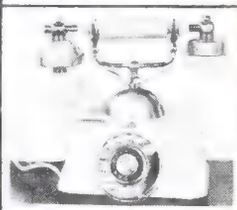
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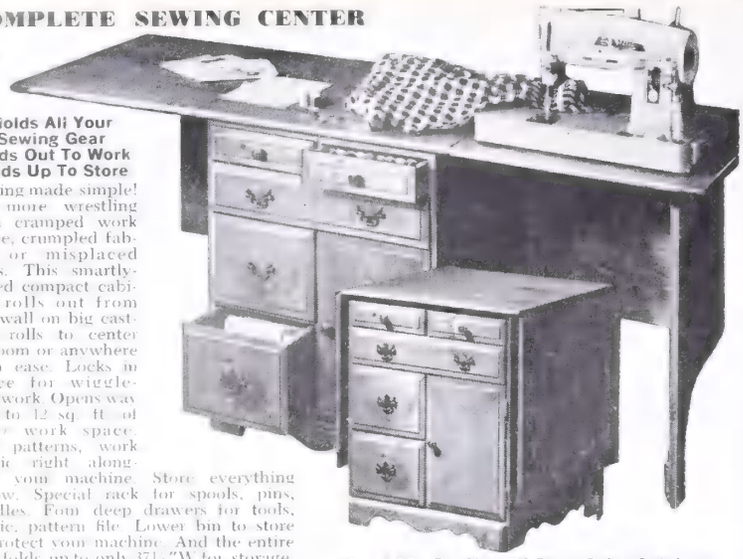
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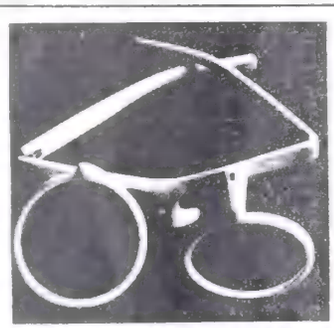


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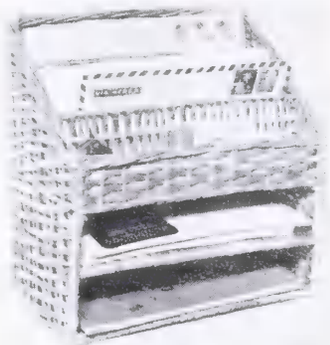
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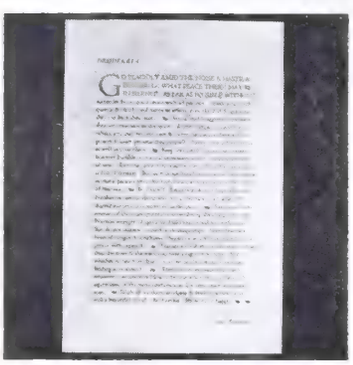
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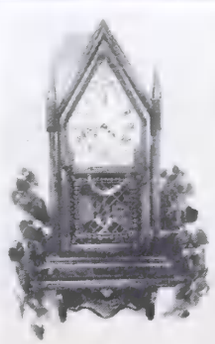
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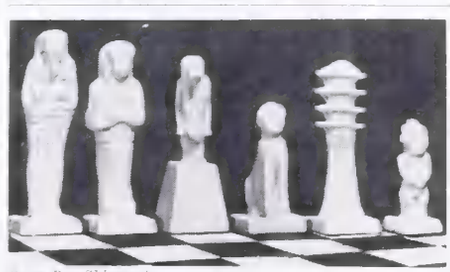
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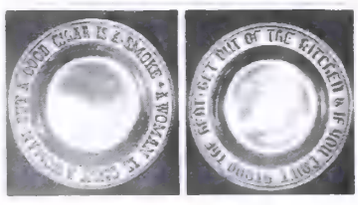
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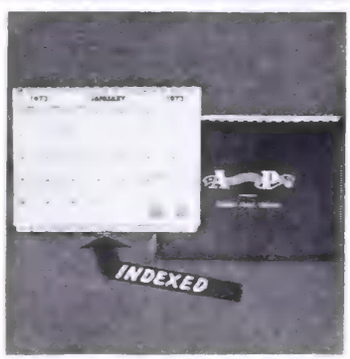
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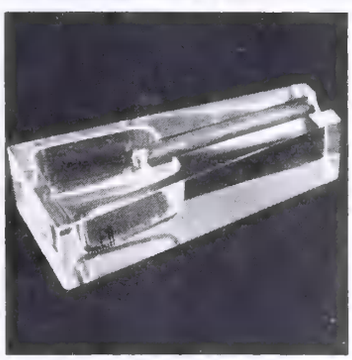
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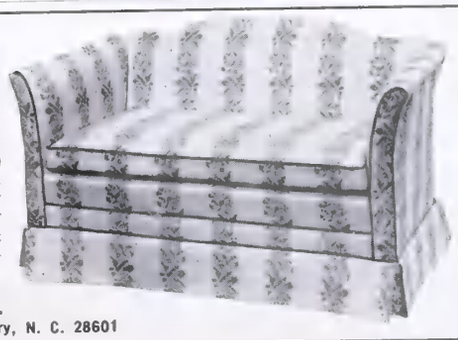
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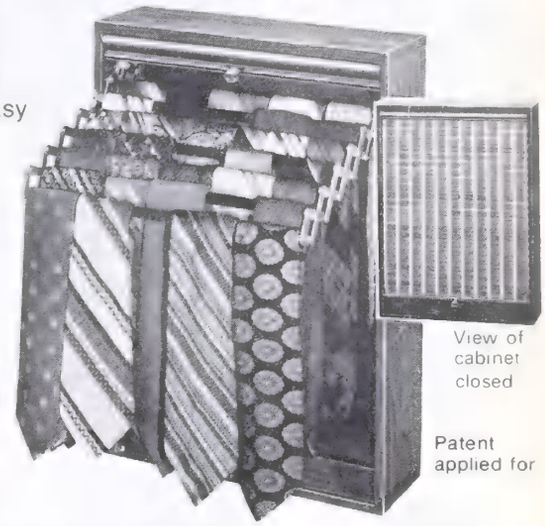


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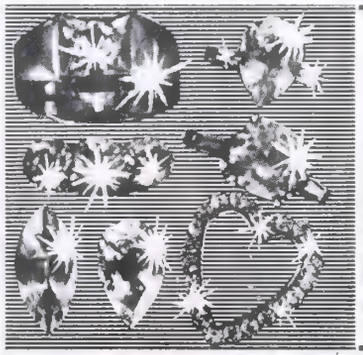


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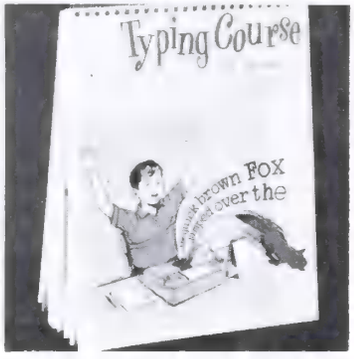
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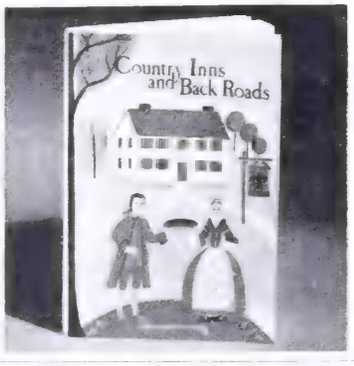
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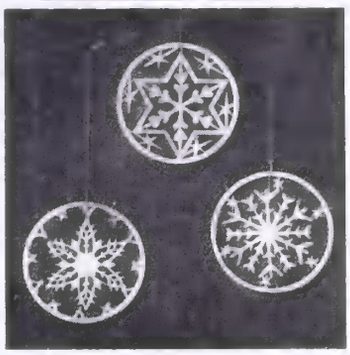
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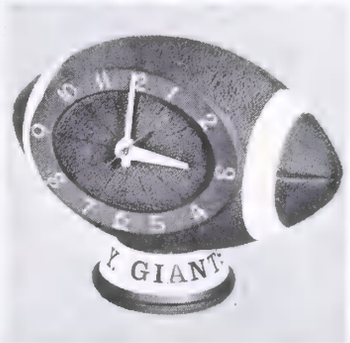
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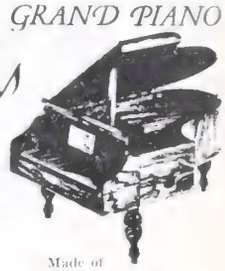


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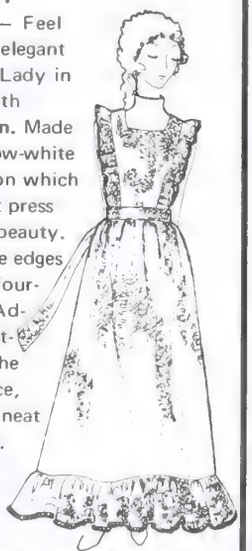
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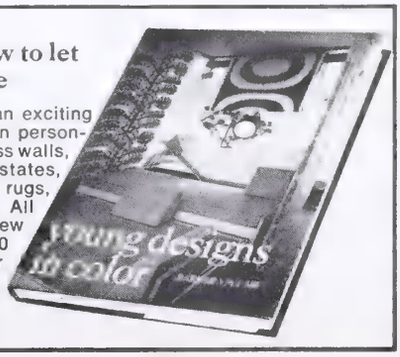
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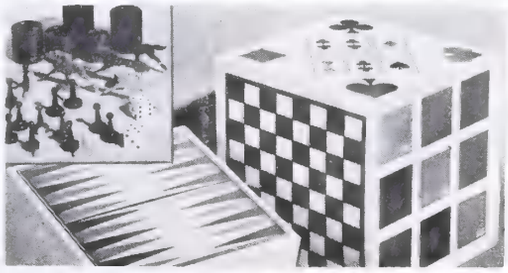
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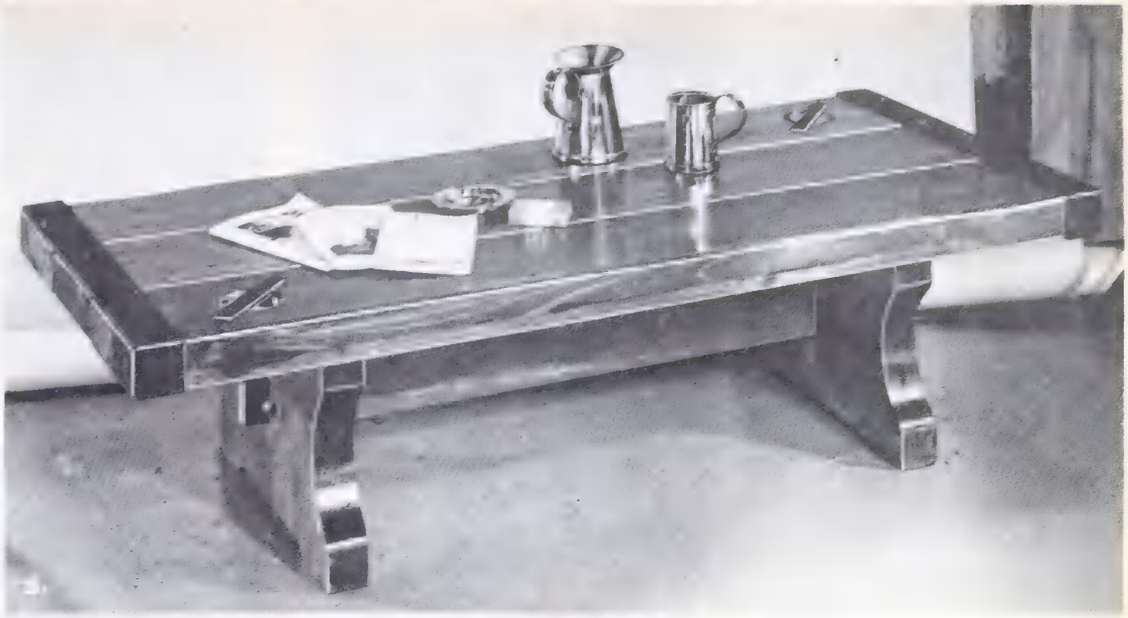
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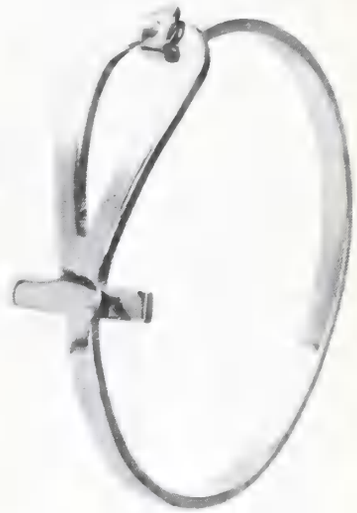
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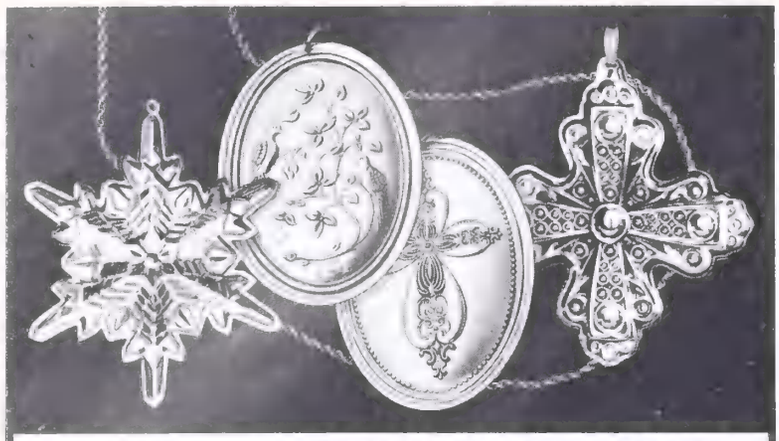
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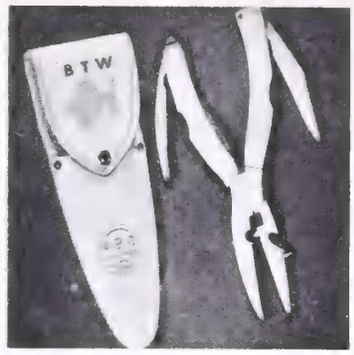
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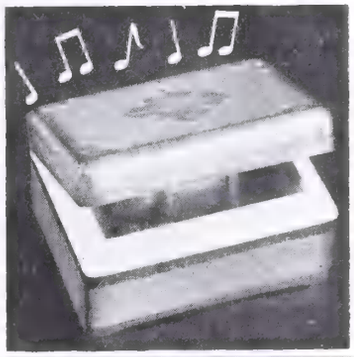
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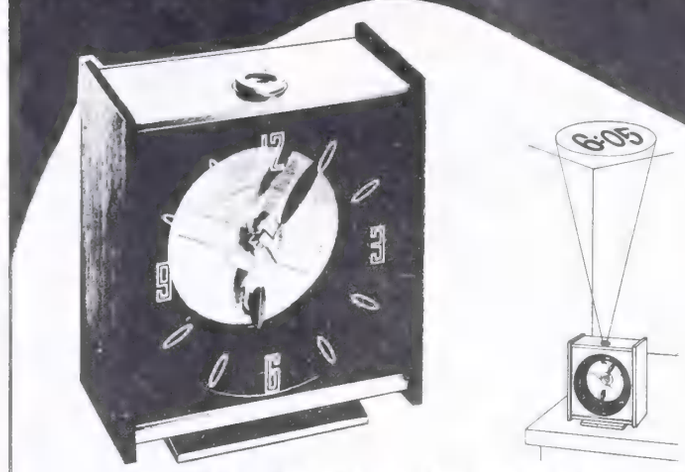
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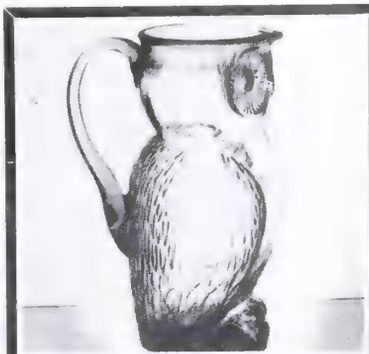


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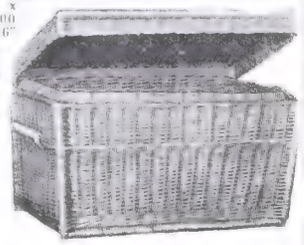


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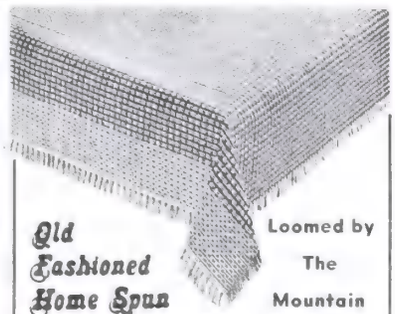
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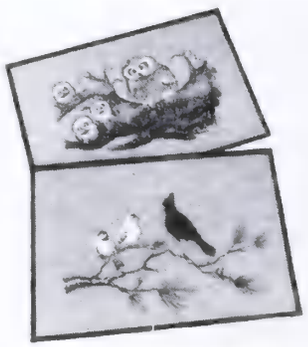
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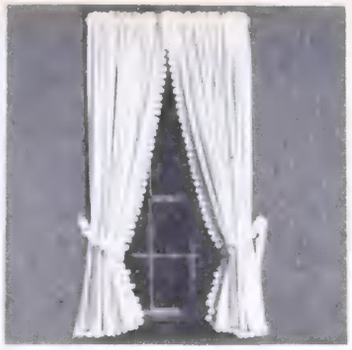
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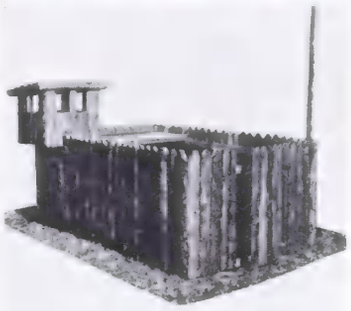
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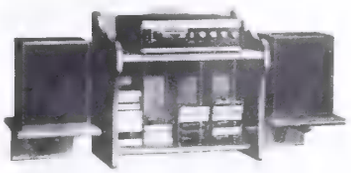
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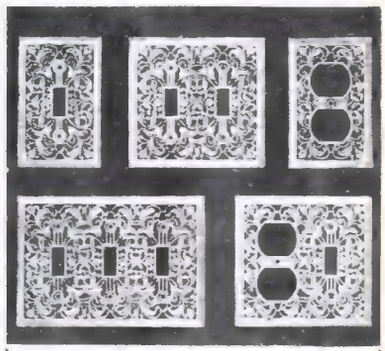


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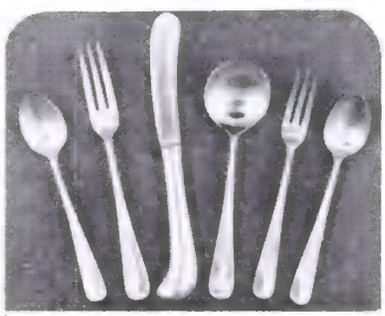


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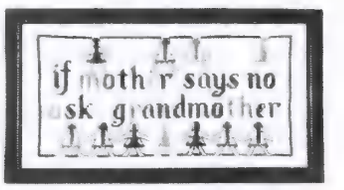
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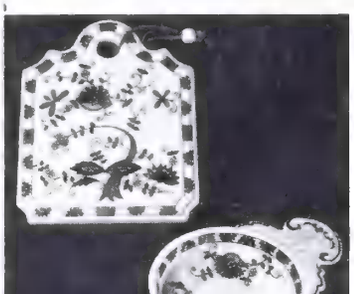
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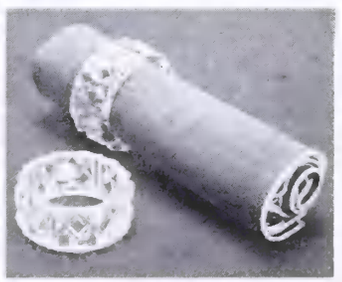
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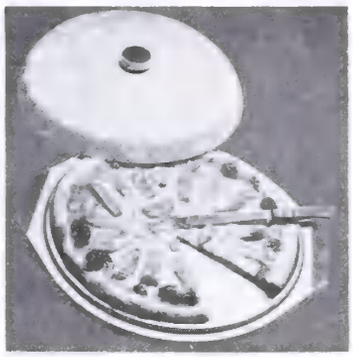
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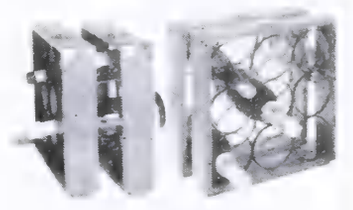
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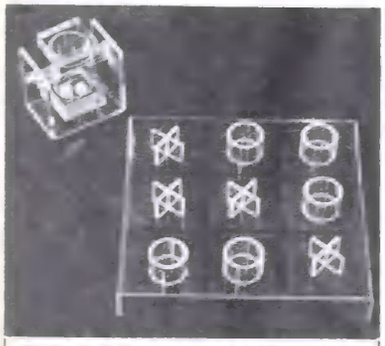
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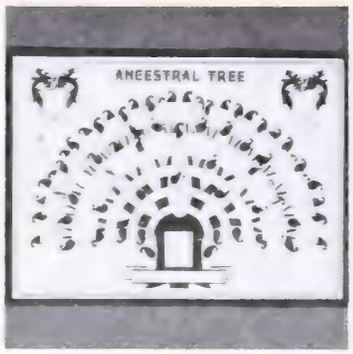
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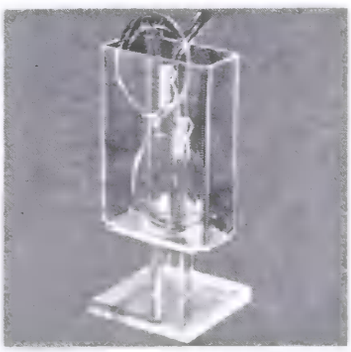
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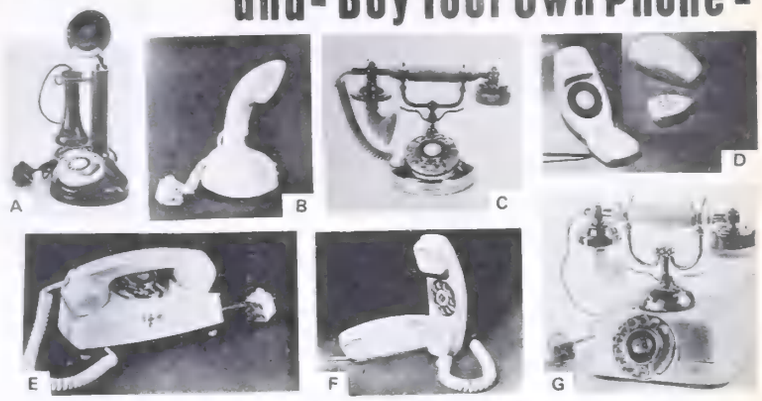
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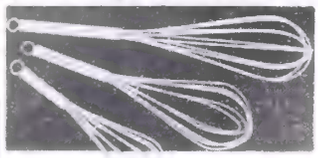


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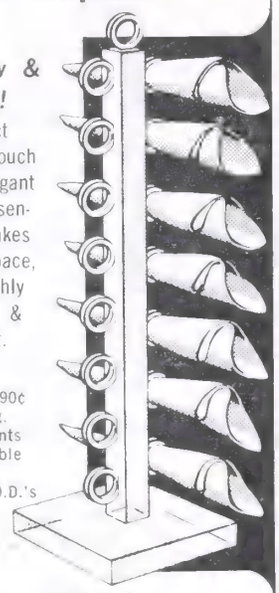
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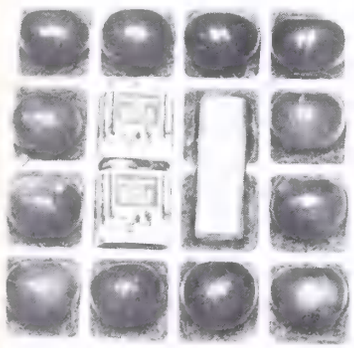
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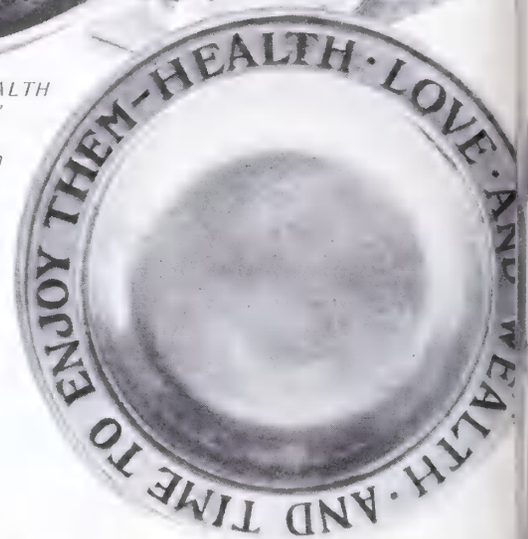
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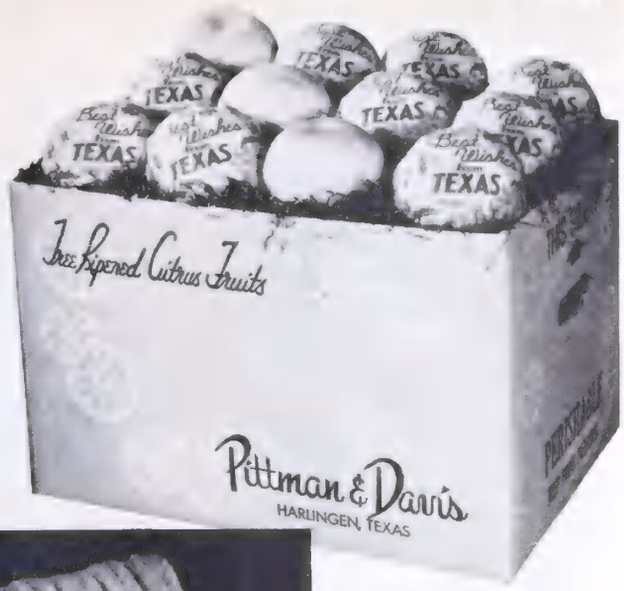
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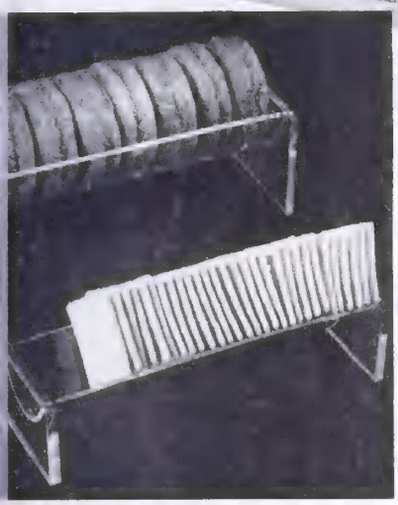


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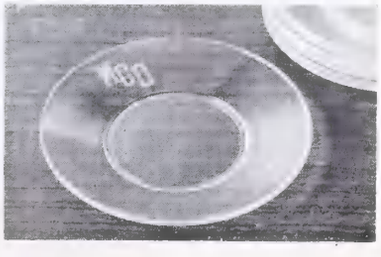
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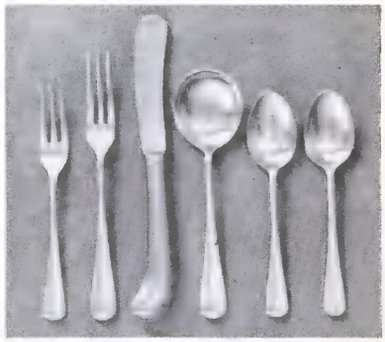
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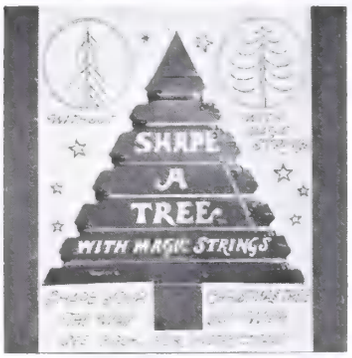
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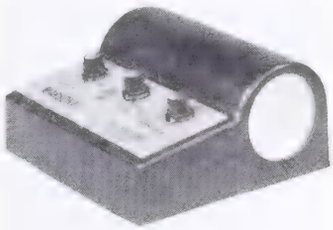
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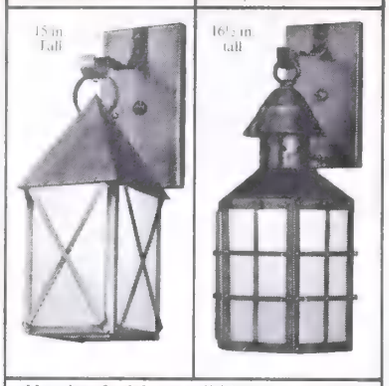
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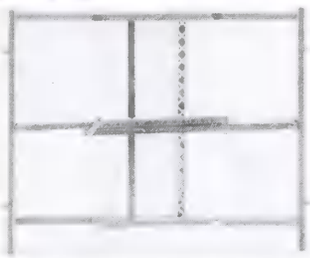
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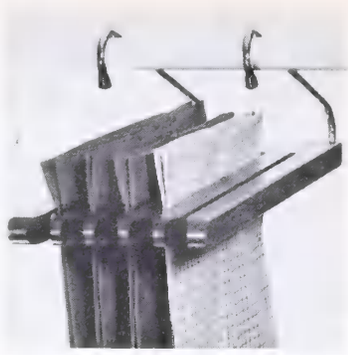
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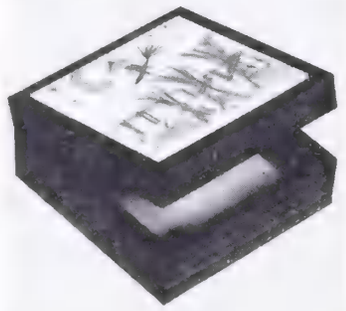
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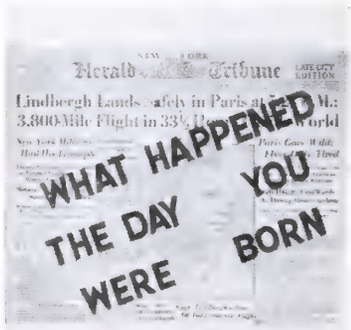
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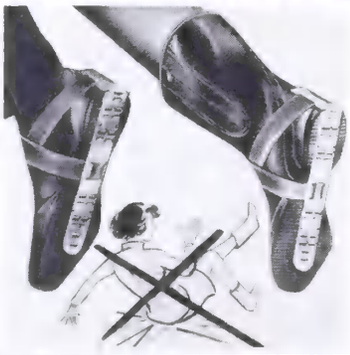
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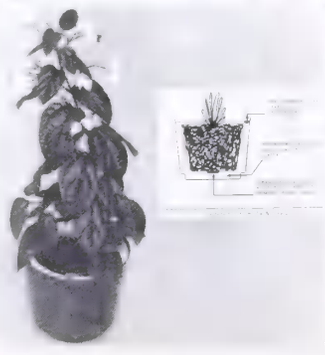
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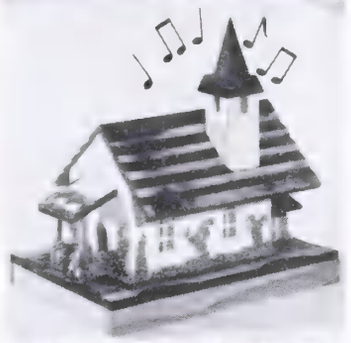
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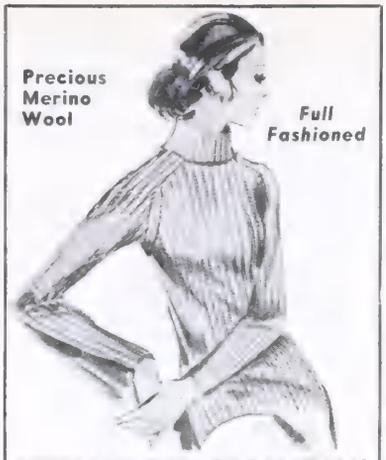
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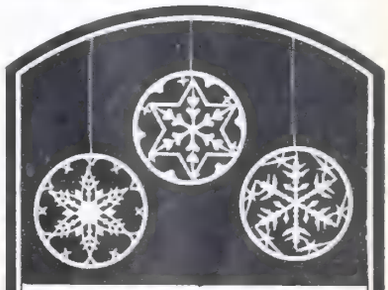


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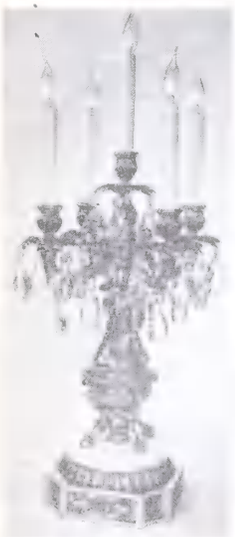
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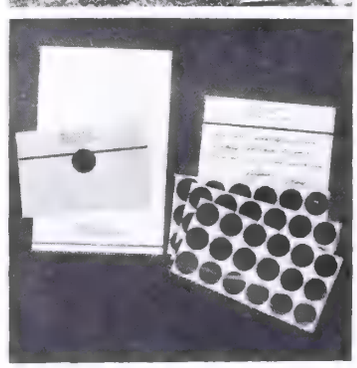












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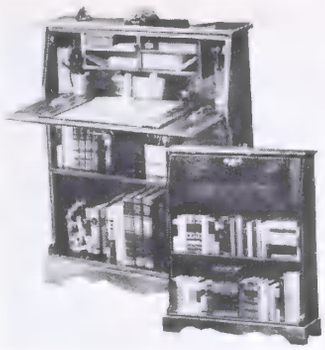
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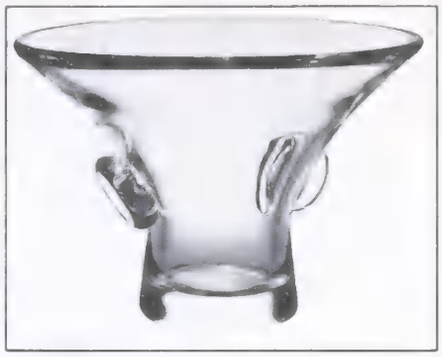
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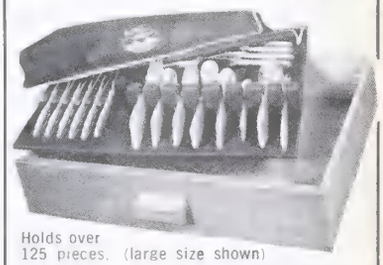
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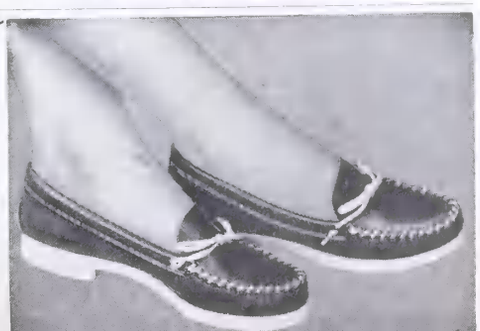
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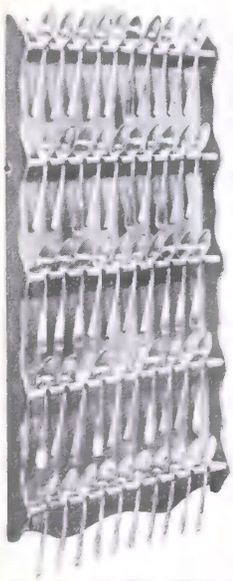
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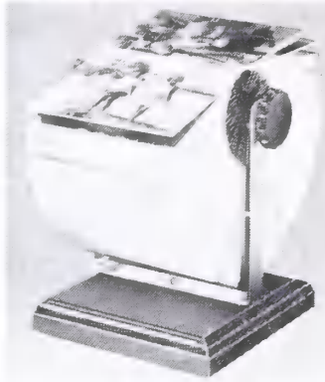
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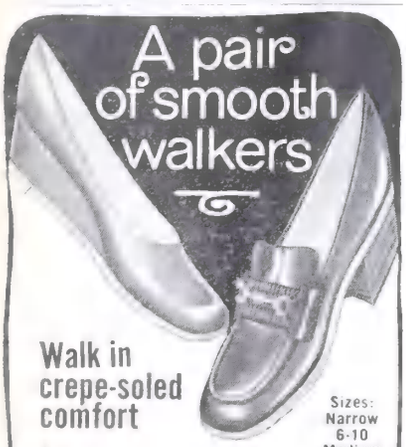


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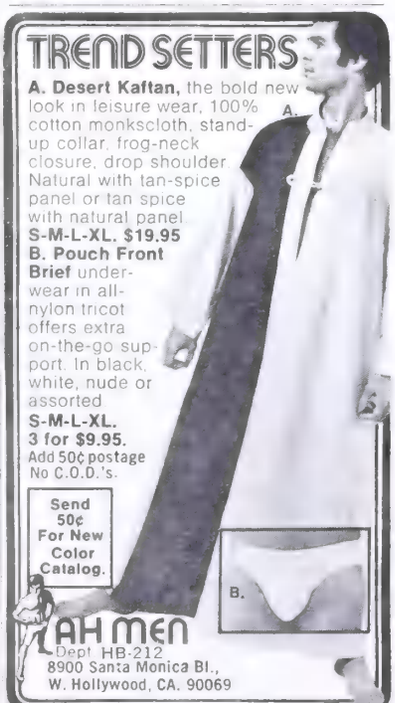


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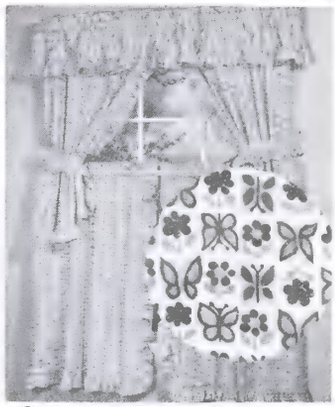
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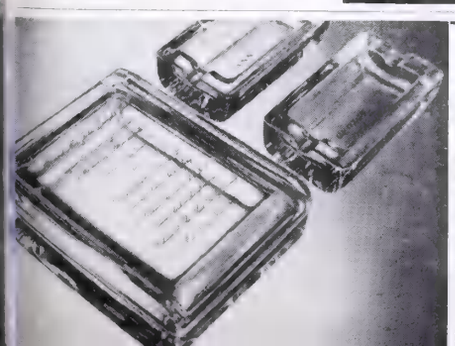
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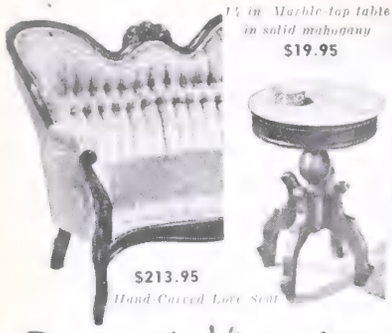
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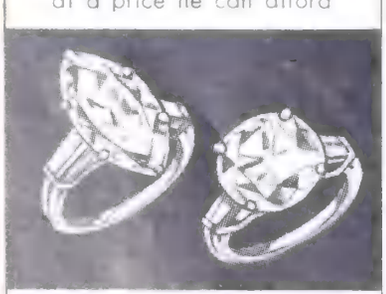
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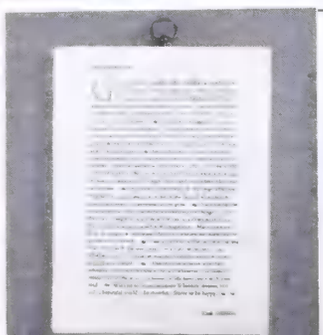
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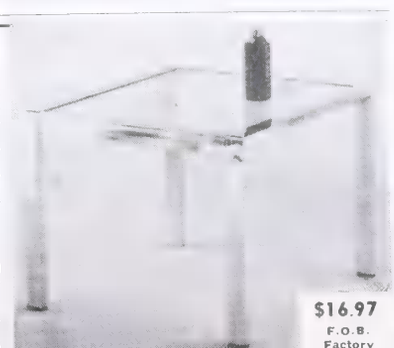
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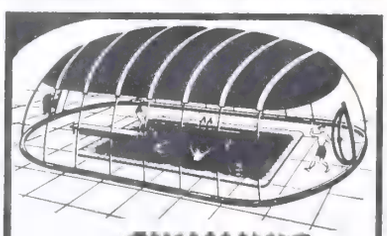
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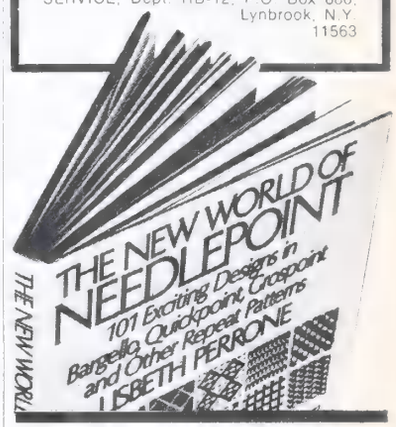
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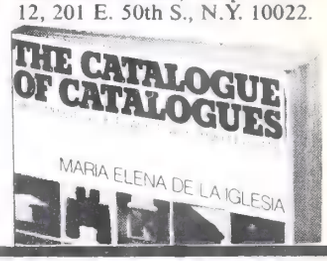
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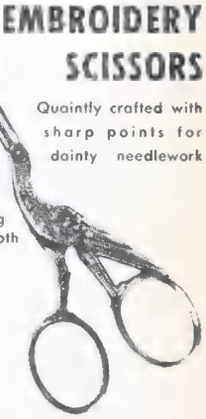
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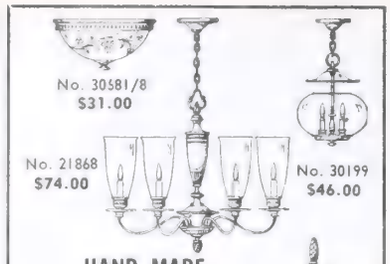
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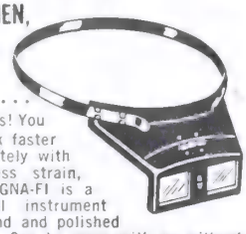
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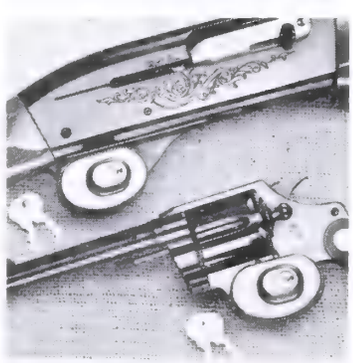
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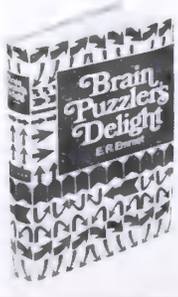
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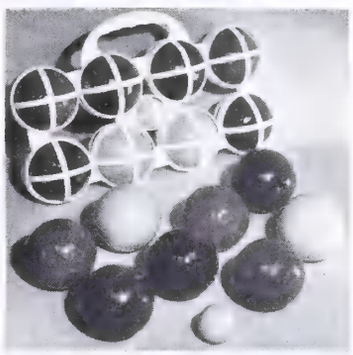
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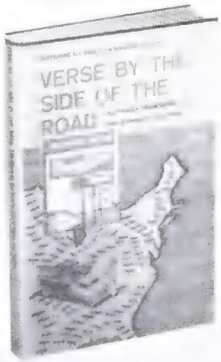
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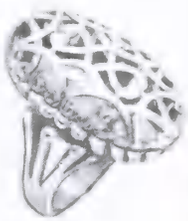


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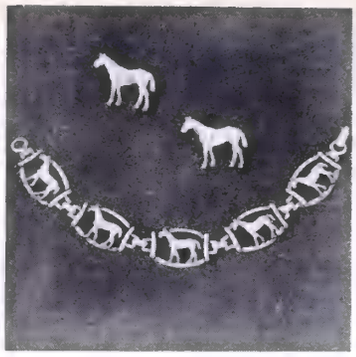
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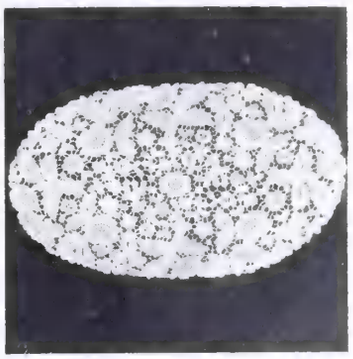
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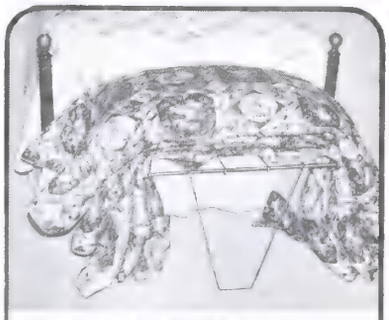
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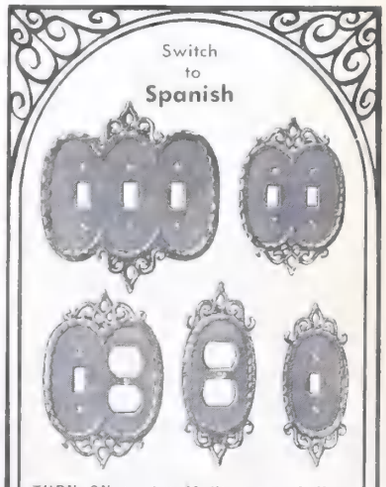
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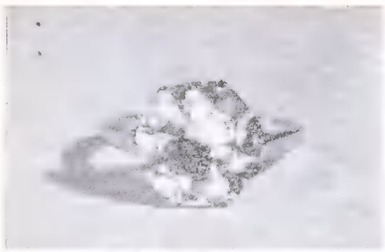


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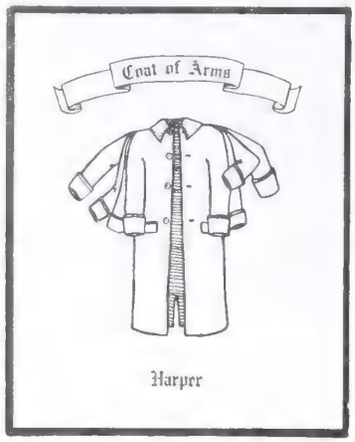
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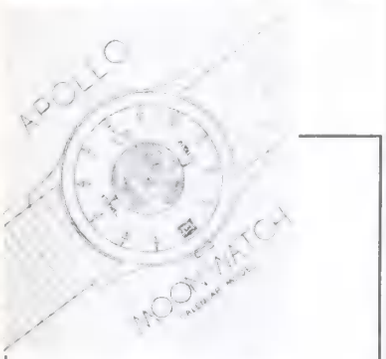
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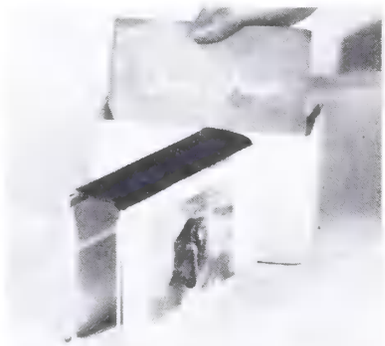


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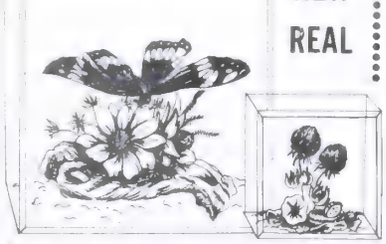
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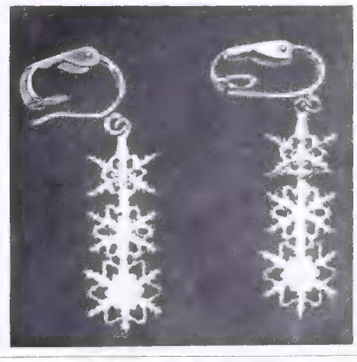
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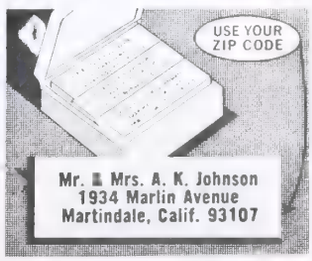
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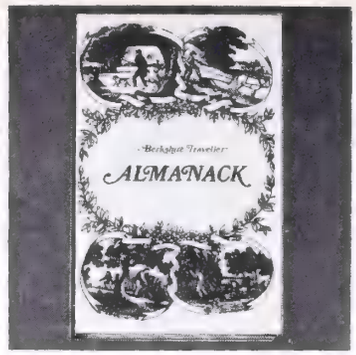
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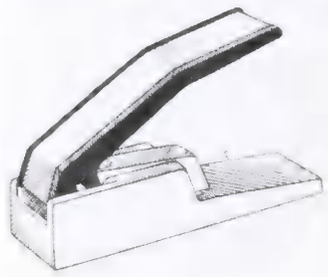


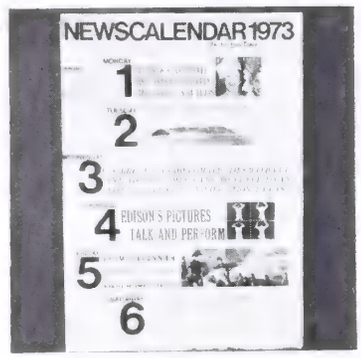
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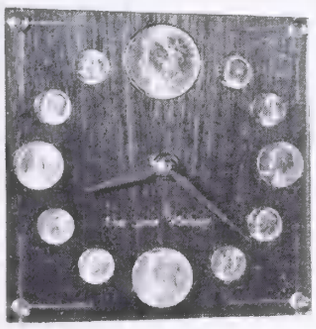
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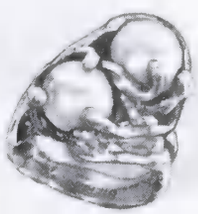
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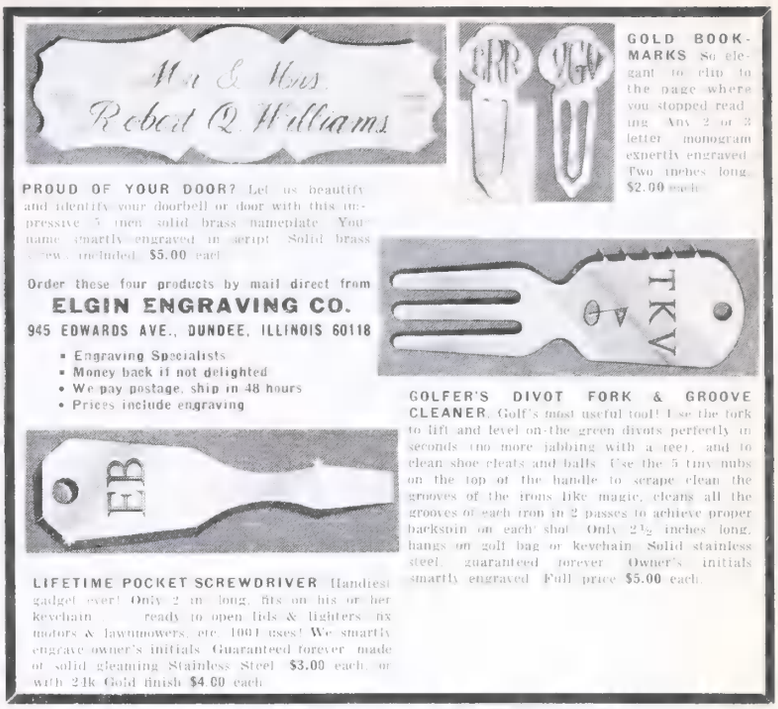


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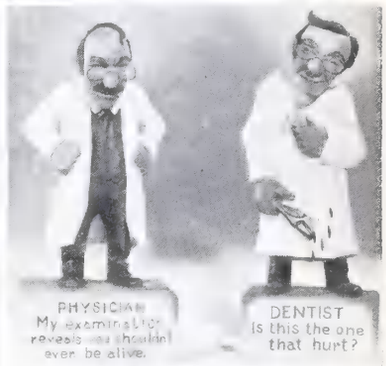
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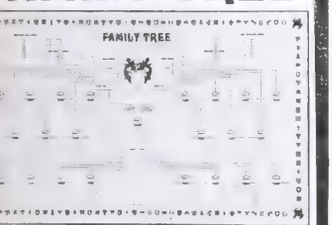
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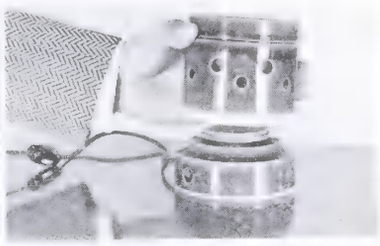
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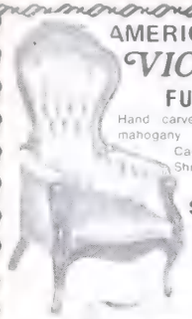
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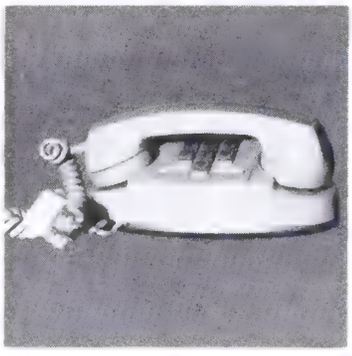
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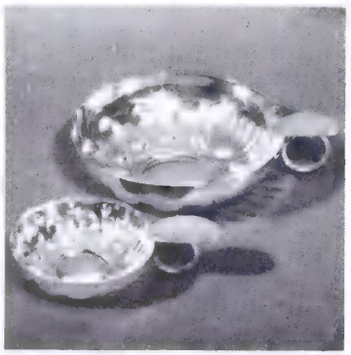
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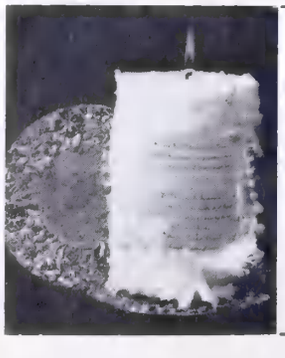
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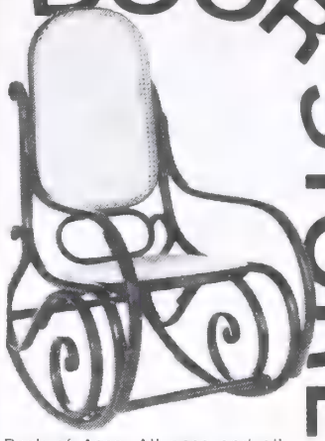
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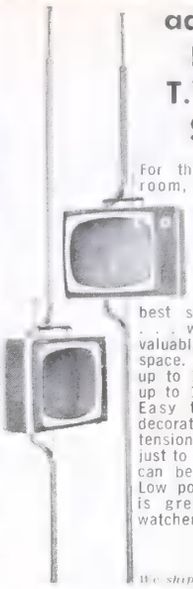


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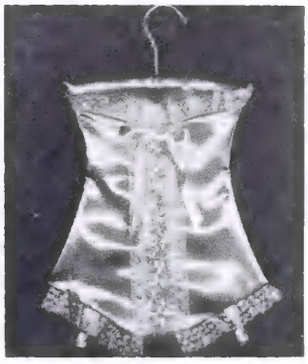
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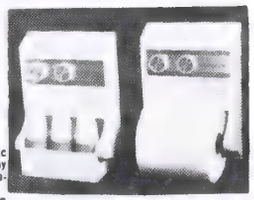
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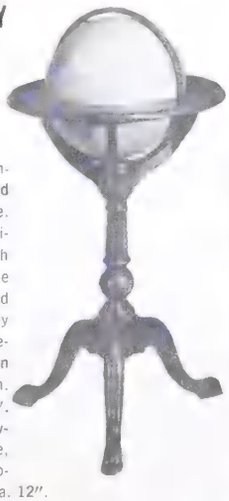


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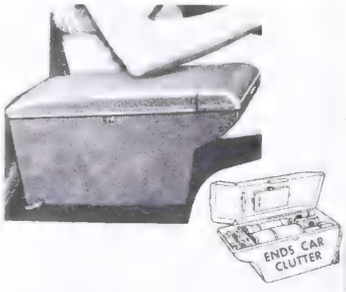
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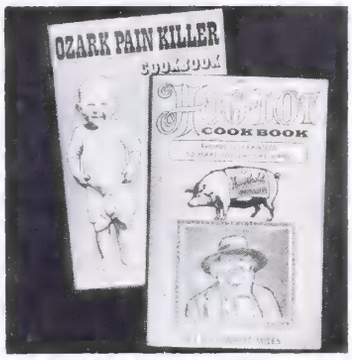


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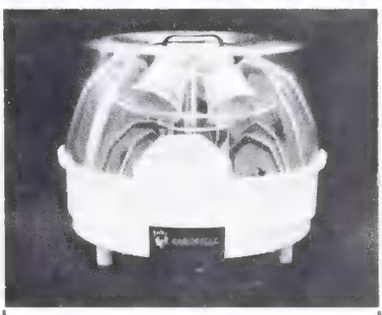
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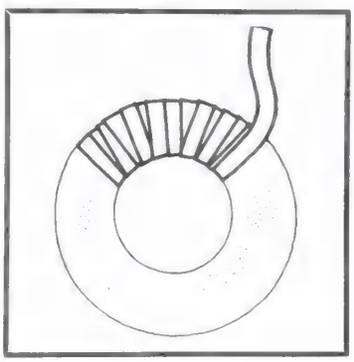
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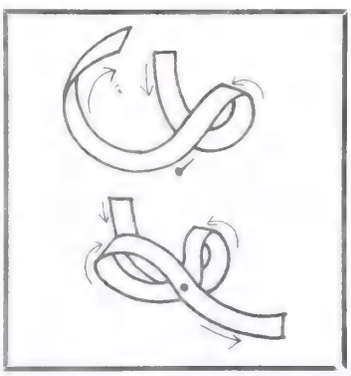
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You start with a basic circle (wreath) of Styrofoam, which is widely available in various sizes. Select the color of ribbon that you want for the foundation—the basic color. Wrap this ribbon around the Styrofoam form (*below*) until it is entirely covered and secure ribbon in place with straight pins. Then select the first ribbon you wish to entwine. Loop this ribbon and, after looping, pin in place (*bottom*). Continue looping the remainder of the length of ribbon, placing each loop at various points on the face of the wreath and on the inside and outside of the circle (*right*).



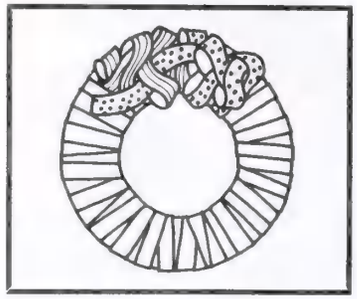
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'Taj Mahal'

(Illustrated on pages 48-49)

The "Taj Mahal"—a mid-Eastern fantasy centerpiece—is constructed section by section and then glued together. The roof and base are ribbon-covered symmetrically; the central column is more playful and improvised. The finished centerpiece is 18 inches high, eight inches wide at the top and 10½ inches wide at the bottom and it is eight inches deep.

Materials:

Styrofoam forms: One eight-inch square; one 4 by 10½-inch rectangle and one 2½ by 8-inch rectangle; four six-inch cones; two three-inch pediments; two 5½ by 9½-inch rectangles and two 4½ by 9½-inch rectangles for the central column (or use the Styrofoam housing from a small appliance like a transistor radio).

Ribbons: Satin—three yards red; four yards orange; 2½ yards green; three yards of purple. Embroidered—five yards each, red and gold; 1½ yards red-and-black calligraphic; one yard elephant pattern. *Cord*—two yards narrow gold; two yards of wide gold; ½ yard narrow silver. Grosgrain—1½ yards narrow pink; ½ yard narrow orange. Satin cord—½ yard narrow orange.

Decorations: Two bugle-bead and one satin tassle; five dime-store rings; one large jet bead; plastic multicolored pick-up sticks; ornamental gold doves with wired flexible feet; 3½ by 4½-inch picture frame and religious picture; small gold tree ornaments; sequin rope; wooden matchsticks.

Other: Straight pins, glue.

Directions:

Roof: Frame the top of the Styrofoam square with four strips of green satin ribbon and pin at the corners. Wrap each cone once around with orange, green and purple satin ribbon, slightly overlapping each other. Glue the ribbon ends to the base of the cone. Top each cone with a gold ornament.

Invert one of the Styrofoam pediments and glue the shorter sides of the two pediments together. Determine the center of the square slab and glue the pediment into place. Pierce through both pediments with four red plastic pick-up sticks. Make four flat bows from orange satin ribbon and attach to the top of the pediment by joining the bows in the center with another pick-up stick. Wrap this stick with orange grosgrain and orange satin cord, then tie two pink streamers around the center and top with a large jet bead.

Make four red satin pleated bows and pin the bottom ends to the Styrofoam slab. Glue a cone to each corner of the roof slab. For each cone, measure a piece of red-and-gold embroidered ribbon to fit around the base of the cone, stand the ribbon on its side around the cone and pin to the cone. Attach one dove to the right rear cone. Place one ring on each of the other three cones. Pierce the two front cones with a yellow pick-up stick. Insert a wooden matchstick in each front corner of the slab and wrap with narrow gold braid. When each stick is almost completely wrapped, thread a dime-store ring onto the gold braid. Wrap the cord around once more. Cut, then glue the end. Attach a gold tree ornament to the match tip. Hang a bugle-bead tassel from each ring. Pin a length of red-and-gold embroidered ribbon around the edge of the roof slab; pin narrow pink grosgrain around the top edges of the slab and wind once around each of the wrapped matchsticks. Add a sequin strip over the red-and-gold embroidered edging. Make a hanging from wrapped gold-and-silver cord and end by attaching a satin tassle. Glue to the underside of the left rear corner of the Styrofoam slab.

Central column: Build your column with the two 5½-inch rectangles for the sides and the two 4½-inch rectangles for the front and back. Glue into a four-sided box, the back flush with the two sides and the front recessed about an inch. Alternate lengths of red, purple and red satin ribbons around each side and at the top and bottom. On each side, overlap satin ribbon with two strips of red-and-gold embroidered ribbon; pin.

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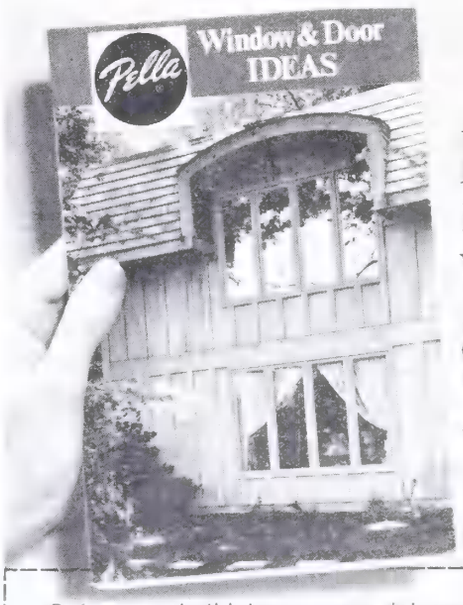
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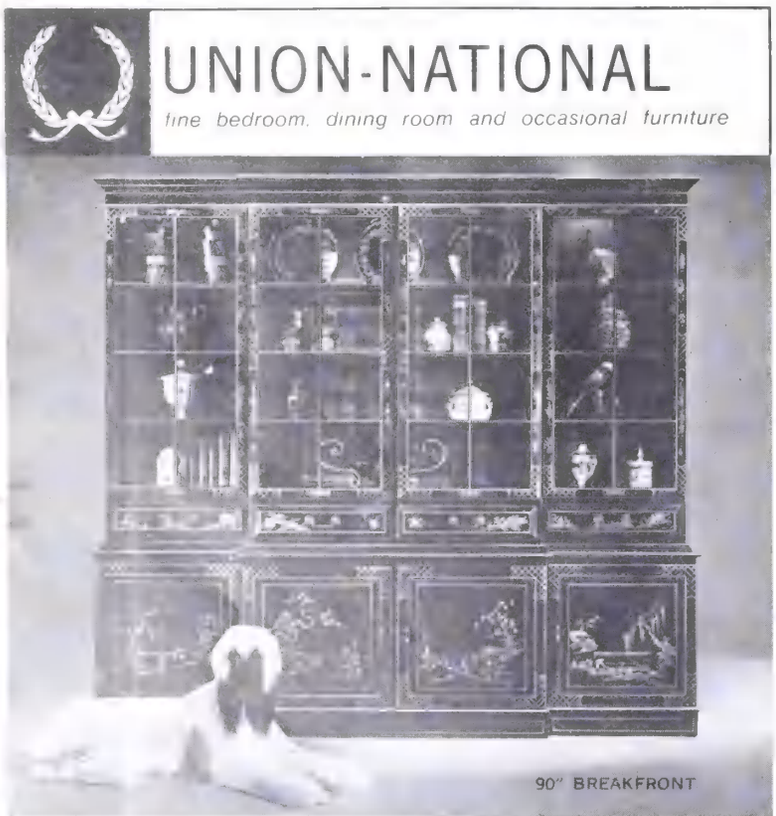
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Base: Glue the 2½-inch rectangle to the 4 by 10-inch rectangle in a "T" shape, long sides together. Wrap one strip each of red and purple satin lengthwise on the small rectangle. Across the width of both rectangles, start at one end and wrap in the following order: One strip of green satin, then two of the red-and-gold embroidered strips, one calligraphic, two red-and-gold embroidered and one green satin strip. Wrap one strip of purple satin across each end of the longer rectangle. Pin. Wrap the large rectangle lengthwise with three lengths of orange satin ribbon. Pin. Make two orange satin pleated bows, pin on either side of the red-and-black calligraphic ribbon.

Assembly:

Glue the roof to the central column. Glue the base to the central column. Pin an ornamental dove between the flat orange satin bows on the base. Pierce the base with a green pick-up stick on each side of the central column and wrap with elephant-patterned ribbon. ■

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